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Supreme Court protects whistleblower's family from retaliation ...

By Richard Renner

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[Whistleblower Protection Blog - http://www.whistleblowersblog.org/](http://www.whistleblowersblog.org/)

Perils of the Whistleblower | Kill All The Lawyers Blog

By admin

Perils of the **Whistleblower**. Posted by admin on January 24th, 2011. They are out-gunned with high-pocket lawyers , corrupt officials and all kind of semi- legalized bends in the road in their challenge to bring out the truth and teach ...

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Perils of the Whistleblower

By Britt Towery

Our country has a **whistleblower** law that protects anyone reporting illegal or law-breaking in government and corporations and the non-profits. The action of the **whistle-blower** is correcting wrong and hurtful actions. ...

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Swiss **whistle-blower** Rudolf Elmer is arrested for giving data to ...

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State of the MFT Industry

Watch Ipswitch's Frank Kenney presents his "State of the MFT Industry" to learn more about the Managed File Transfer market and to see how you can map file transfer projects to Ipswitch's MFT Maturity Model. Frank also provides insight into:

- Convergence of the B2B, EAI, and MFT markets
- Governance implications of sharing information
- Growing role of SaaS
- Evolving vendor landscape amid recent acquisitions

Blog

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First it was White Vans. Now it's USB Drives: Who are we going to blame next? [Read](#)



WikiLeaks Raises Questions of Info Security: How does your company deal with data security? [Read](#)

Customer Story: Salary.com



"It's an imperative that our file transfer services maintain our rigorous requirements for keeping our client's critical business data secure and ensures visibility into all file transfer activity on our network."

[Find out how Salary.com](#) exchanges data with thousands of customers and partners daily worldwide with their Ipswitch solution.



Tips and Tricks Guide to Managed File Transfer

Volume 1: Encryption, Person-to-person File Transfer, Compliance, Logging, and Central Management

Too many businesses are trusting critical data and processes to home-grown, insecure, unreliable, and manual processes. When your company needs to move and process important information – and protect it while doing



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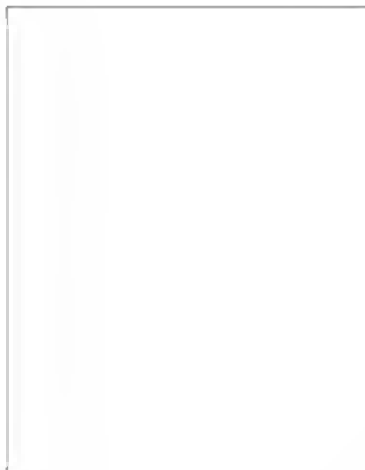
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Upcoming Events

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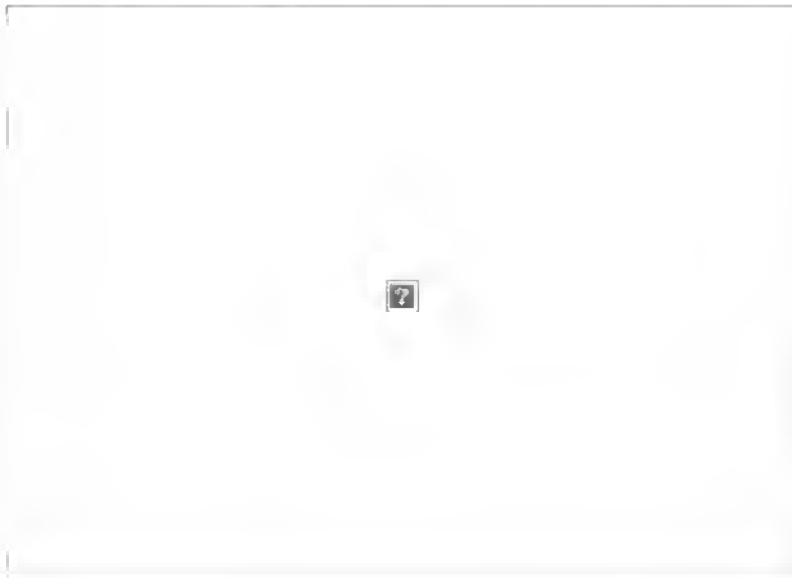


so — you need a business-class solution that has been specifically

designed to meet those important business needs. Volume 1 of our [Tips and Tricks Guide to Managed File Transfer](#) covers important topics such as encryption, person-to-person transfers, compliance, logging, central management, and more.

Consolidating your File Transfer Infrastructure

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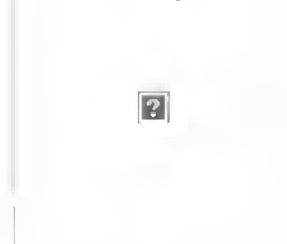
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Frank Kenny



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... of 'inhumane treatment' of the US army private accused of being behind the leaking of confidential papers to WikiLeaks, the **whistleblowing** website. ...

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A **whistleblower** lawsuit has been filed against the Pasadena mental health hospital, alleging 'minimal, substandard care' to patients. ...

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[WikiLeaks Said to Draw More from P2P Than Leaks](#)

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The **whistleblower** Web site said all the documents had been anonymously leaked to it. Bloomberg published some examples of Tiversa's latest claims. ...

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[2G scam: Supreme Court issues notice to Centre on Radia](#)

Hindustan Times

Though there is provision for the protection of the **whistleblower**, it is limited only to the cases where the person has complained to the Central Vigilance ...

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American Conference Institute's Advanced Forum on **Whistleblower** Enforcement & Compliance. As the latest in **whistleblower** protection and provisions was passed by the SEC, proposed financial incentives have increased on a scale never seen ...

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[Ban whistleblower gags, says BMA « Ethics & Health Law News](#)

By Edwina Light

Ban **whistleblower** gags, says BMA. BMA News, 19 January 2011. Author: Flavia Munn "The BMA has insisted that **whistleblowing** policies must be strengthened so NHS trusts cannot silence staff who report concerns. ...

[Ethics & Health Law News - http://ehln.org/](#)

The founder of **whistleblower** site WikiLeaks attacked Switzerland ...

By Robert

The founder of **whistleblower** site WikiLeaks attacked Switzerland on Sunday for arresting a Swiss banker on suspicion of breaching banking secrecy instead of investigating the tax evasion he said he had uncovered. ...

eComTech - <http://ecomtech.biz/>

Swiss **whistleblower** detained: report – AFP | Relevant News

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Haryana raps Centre on report leak

Times of India

CHANDIGARH: Embarrassed by the Centre's tough stand on the fabricated chargesheet against **whistle-blower** forest officer Sanjiv Chaturvedi, ...

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Social Security check scam targets seniors

Minneapolis Star Tribune

Thompson, 82, told **Whistleblower** that after the impostor verified her Richfield address and phone number, he told her to get a pencil, pad of paper and a ...

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Race is on to cash in on WikiLeaks

Independent

But WikiLeaks was largely ignored until it published extracts of US military documents obtained by **whistleblower** Bradley Manning. ...

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By Crystal L. Cox

Judges are Bought Off, the SEC has insiders that are Corrupt and land big jobs later such as the Peter Sivere **whistle blower** case where he exposed over 300 Million in Fraud by JP Morgan and then SEC Investigator, George Demos protected ...

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Whistleblower: @jasonbwhitman @rockingjude @political_ops ...

By Elyssa D'Educat

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Swiss **whistleblower** hands bank data to WikiLeaks - Yahoo! News

A former Swiss private banker handed over data on hundreds of offshore bank account holders to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on Monday, saying he wanted ...
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In The **Whistleblower**, published this week, Kathryn Bolkovac describes how she thought she was taking a well-paid job with DynCorp International, ...

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Swiss bank **whistleblower** Elmer represented by Tibetan lawyer

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By Kalsang Rinchen Dharamsala, January 22 – Chinese president Hu Jintao's high profile visit this week to US and his meetings with Obama, American business ...

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B'lore jeweller exposes cops' extortion racket

Deccan Herald

A Bangalore-based jeweller has turned a **whistleblower** in helping the Lokayukta trap a woman police inspector and two constables, including a head constable, ...

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Assange's mother on rally dais

Sunshine Coast Daily

THE Sunshine Coast mother of WikiLeaks editor Julian Assange has used a rally for the **whistleblower** website to thank supporters worldwide. ...

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Standing Up for Bradley Manning, Opposing FBI Witch-Hunts of Activists

OpEdNews

Coleen Rowley, the former FBI agent and **whistleblower**, who was awarded TIME's "Person of the Year" Award in 2002 (along with two other whistleblowers who ...

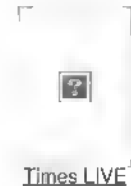
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Wendy Machanik breaks her silence... Bitter, sad, betrayed

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Stephanie DeYoung – Industry **Whistleblower** questioned about ...

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[Bankruptcy Software - http://www.bankruptcy-software.com/](http://www.bankruptcy-software.com/)

Media Point » The New Media Journal | **Whistleblower** Starts 'Black ...

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DVD Movie Maniac: The **Whistle Blower** DVD Report

By Combom

The **Whistle Blower** DVD Report. Print: Good - Sound: Good - Label: Prism Leisure - DVDs: 1 - Year: 1987 - Cover: OK - Format: 4:3 - Length: 1h39m/1h37m - Before: No - Again: Maybe - Price: £1 - Wiki Link - IMDB Link - Region: 2 - Rating: ...
[DVD Movie Maniac - http://dvdmoviemaniac.blogspot.com/](http://dvdmoviemaniac.blogspot.com/)

Whistleblower: The Powers That Beat: The Deepest Link by Elyssa ...

By Elyssa D'Educat

Whistleblower. PROCEED WITH CAUTION... Saturday, January 22, 2011. The Powers That Beat: The Deepest Link by Elyssa Durant, Ed.M. The Deepest Link. More often than not, a psychiatric diagnosis is made after a brief interview where the ...
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'Whistleblower' in Crisp & Cole case somewhat vindicated

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The catalyst to the investigation of Crisp, Cole and Associates was Bakersfield appraiser Gary Crabtree. He blew the whistle on them and suffered for it. ...

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Nolan & Auerbach, PA Announces \$16 Million Settlement of Whistleblower Case

Malaysia Sun

Nolan & Auerbach successfully handled this case on behalf of the **whistleblower** with the assistance of the Boston law firms of Thomas & Associates and the ...

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Charles says Whistleblowing will need support of LRIDA

Government of Jamaica, Jamaica Information Service

... resulting from the introduction of the Protected Disclosures (**Whistleblower**) Act. In his contribution to the debate on the Protected Disclosures Bill in ...

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Firefighter files whistleblower ethics complaint, yet finds name public record

Longboat Key News

A Longboat Key firefighter-paramedic who says he filed his ethics complaint under the **whistleblower** protocol — utilized by the town wherein an employee can ...

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The Tax Relief Act of 2006 Increased Incentives For Whistleblowers ...

By Berg & Androphy

Just over four years ago, Congress passed the Extension of Tax Relief Act of 2006, which contained a **whistleblower** reform provision. These amendments.

[The Tax Fraud Blog - Qui Tam Attorneys - http://www.thetaxfraudblog.com/](#)

Protection for Whistleblowers in the Coast Guard | Coast Guard Report

By staff

Established 2007 – Over One Million Readers Worldwide.

[Coast Guard Report - http://cgreport.wordpress.com/](#)

Information about whistleblowers | Dangerous Intersection

By Erich Vieth

Here's a good source for information about **whistleblowers**: **Whistleblowers** Protection Blog.

Established in 1988, the National **Whistleblower** Legal Defense and Education Fund ("the Fund") is a non-profit public interest law firm that works ...

[Dangerous Intersection - http://dangerousintersection.org/](#)

[Abendjournal Leaks. What you think? » WikiLeaks whistleblower ...](#)

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A SWISS court has found former banker Rudolf Elmer, who handed over secret data to **whistleblowing** website Wikileaks, guilty of breaching bank secrecy laws. Read more on News Mail. WikiLeaks **whistleblower** guilty of blackmail ...
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Nolan & Auerbach, P.A. Announces \$16 Million Settlement of ...

By admin

Nolan & Auerbach, P.A. Announces \$16 Million Settlement of **Whistleblower** Case - Science -Today marks the announcement for settlement of Nolan & Auerbach P.A.'s client's case against medical device-maker St. Jude Medical, Inc., ...
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IRS might alter **whistleblower** reward plan - Chicago Sun-Times

business, The-IRS-is-proposing-new-rules-to-jump-start-a-five-year-old-program- to-entice-people-to-turn-in-businesses-or-individuals.
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The **whistleblower**

The Guardian

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Teresa Chambers Case Highlights Limitations of **Whistleblower** Laws, Need to ...

Government Accountability Project (blog)

The case suggests that success resulted not only from the slivers of protections afforded under the **Whistleblower** Protection Act, but also from the ...

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PM raises concerns about **whistleblower** provisions

Government of Jamaica, Jamaica Information Service

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Charges upset **whistleblower**

Independent Community Newspaper

A former Fraser High School finance officer who blew the whistle on spending irregularities at the school says he is "miffed" he was charged when he was ...

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Orange County Register: Which Mystery Senator Killed **Whistleblower** Bill ...

Government Accountability Project (blog)

by Lindsay Bigda on January 21, 2011 (The Whistleblogger / 2010) By Wikimedia user Markus Schweiss This article details how the **Whistleblower** Protection ...

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – WHISTLE BLOWER FOR MAFIA

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Assisted-living facility sends refund

Minneapolis Star Tribune (blog)

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Cheney/Obama Justice: 3 Detainees + 1 Jailed **Whistleblower** = 19000 ...

By emptywheel

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Earth Friendly Weddings: **Whistle Blower** for Peace

By noreply@blogger.com (Jennifer)

Wearing it symbolizes being a **whistle-blower** for peace. Particularly peace for Congo, as all proceeds from this necklace are used to rehabilitate and advocate for war affected children. Available at Holstee, \$34.00 - \$104.00. ...

[Earth Friendly Weddings](http://earthfriendlywedding.blogspot.com/) - <http://earthfriendlywedding.blogspot.com/>

Verizon subpoenas DirectNIC **whistleblower** | DomainIncite.com ...

By Kevin Murphy

Verizon has subpoenaed a former DirectNIC employee as part of its ongoing cybersquatting lawsuit against the domain name registrar. Mark Deshong filed a.

[DomainIncite.com](http://domainincite.com/) - [Domain Name...](http://domainincite.com/) - <http://domainincite.com/>

Jack Blum: Swiss **whistleblower** Elmer to cooperate with Greek ...

By keeptalkinggreece

Swiss Wikileaks **whistleblower** Rudolf Elmer is willing to cooperate with Greece's authorities on Greek tax evaders, daily TA NEA reported in an exclusive story. The former Julius Baer banker expressed his cooperation intention through ...

[Keep Talking Greece](http://www.keeptalkinggreece.com/) - <http://www.keeptalkinggreece.com/>

Jamaica:PM raises concerns about **whistleblower** provisions | The ...

By thewestindian

Bruce Golding, has raised concerns about the provisions of the **Whistleblower** legislation, which places a duty on individuals, without investigative powers, to follow up on disclosures of misconduct by employees. ...

[The West Indian News](http://www.thewestindiannews.com/) - <http://www.thewestindiannews.com/>

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Philadelphia is a hotbed for drug-industry **whistleblower** lawsuits ...

When three employees of a Schering-Plough Corp. subsidiary became convinced a decade ago that the company was committing fraud, they hired a lawyer and ...

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FDA Whistleblower Allegations Shouldn't Be Swept Under the Carpet

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Haryana dogged, Centre steps in to clear **whistleblower**

Times of India

NEW DELHI: The environment ministry has saved a **whistleblower** from a five-year witch-hunt by the Haryana government. The central ministry revoked all ...

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Whistleblower Convinces Regulators To Force CL&P To Prove Safety Of Waterbury...

Connecticut Watchdog

By George Gombossy | Last updated Jan 20, 2011, 6:02 pm A **whistleblower** who was fired by CL&P has convinced the Connecticut Department of Public Utility ...

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Opening the Floodgates: The Dodd-Frank **Whistleblower** Provisions' Impact on ...

JD Supra (press release)

SUMMARY: During Corporate Board Member and NYSE Euronext's Annual Boardroom Summit audit committee peer exchange, the **whistleblower** provisions of the ...

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Community work for **whistleblower**

Waikato Times

A former finance officer at Hamilton's Fraser High School who blew the whistle on alleged spending irregularities at the school has been sentenced to 265 ...

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Human Rights Activist Close to Getting US Comment on Israeli Nuclear ...

Veterans Today Network

... faxing and e-mailing him and Secretary of State Clinton seeking a statement regarding the fact that Israel continues to deny the Nuclear **Whistle Blower**, ...

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Charity **whistleblower** wins unfair dismissal case

Civil Society Media

The Charity Commission is to investigate prison counselling charity Forensic Therapies after an employment tribunal ruled it had unfairly dismissed an ...

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Former Abortion Worker to Receive First Abortion **Whistleblower** Reward of \$25000

Christian News Wire (press release)

Wade Supreme Court decision that decriminalized abortion in America, Operation Rescue's Abortion **Whistleblower's** Program will present a check to former ...

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Whistle blowing must not be for personal gain

Malaysia Star

THE **Whistleblower** Protection Act, passed by Parliament earlier last year and in force since mid-December, is aimed at encouraging more people to come ...

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The **Whistleblower** Persecution Act | Opinion | Epoch Times

By David Hutton

Laws drafted to protect honest employees have been systematically sabotaged by those in power.

Epoch Times | All headlines - <http://www.theepochtimes.com/>

Swiss **whistleblower** banker on trial | CalcuttaTube

By IANS-CT

Geneva, Jan 20 (DPA) A former top Swiss private banking executive turned WikiLeaks collaborator appeared in a Zurich court Wednesday on charges of violating.

Calcutta Tube - <http://calcuttatube.com/>

LABOR DEPARTMENT WHIFFS ON WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION | FEBS | CSRS ...

By Editor

Washington, DC — A long-awaited internal review of the troubled U.S. Labor Department **whistleblower** protection program essentially endorses the status quo despite a series of scathing reports by government and outside analysts, ...

DeHaanBusse.com - <http://www.dehaanbusse.com/>

PharmaGossip: FDA **Whistleblower** Allegations Shouldn't Be Swept...

By Insider

FDA **Whistleblower** Allegations Shouldn't Be Swept Under the Carpet - The Project On Government Oversight (POGO) Blog. via pogoblog.typepad.com. Secretary Sebelius can't let this issue be swept under the carpet. The lives of patients will ...

PharmaGossip - <http://pharmagossip.blogspot.com/>

Julius Baer **Whistleblower** Who Was Supposed To Hand Over To ...

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By The Site Press Administrator

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Wikileaks bankster whistleblower Rudolf Elmer: \$20 trillion in ...

By Lambert

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Whistleblower Protection for Federal Employee -- Let's Get it ...

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Swiss **Whistleblower** Provides WikiLeaks With Offshore Banking Documents

By Amar Toor

A Swiss former banker has provided WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange with confidential information on hundreds of offshore bank accounts. The whistlebl.

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Whistleblower Calls Swiss Banking System A "Fire-Breathing Dragon..."

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Julian Assange Press Conference With Julius Baer **Whistleblower** ...

By guestposter

The press conference with Julian Assange on Julius Baer **whistleblower** Rudolph Elmer who plans on releasing information on "over 2000" high net worth tax evading individuals, which we discussed this weekend, has started. ...

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Whistle-Blower to Give Secrets of The Rich and Famous to Wikileaks

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Whistleblower makes bank secrets claim

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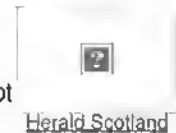
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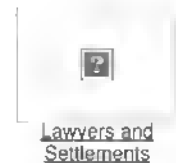


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A former Swiss private banker who was one of the first whistleblowers to use WikiLeaks by publishing internal bank documents on the site has pledged to hand over new data on offshore bank account holders on Monday, a newspaper said.

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Julius Baer whistleblower, the end of Swiss banks - Alpha Global ...

By Moise Levi

Cartoon inspired by the recent article about the Julius Baer **whistleblower** Rudolf Elmer, a former COO of one of the biggest Swiss banks, ready to expose 2000 high net worth tax evaders. Read the full story on Zerohedge.com ...

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Swiss whistleblower Rudolf Elmer plans to hand over offshore ...

By Alethea

Elmer was an insider-turned-**whistleblower**. He is being charged with breaking Swiss bank secrecy laws. Elmer says his focus is not just toward one bank but the structure of the system itself. Is this guy a hero? ...

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Swiss **Whistleblower** Plans to Hand Over Offshore Banking Secrets of Rich and Famous to WikiLeaks.

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Business Recorder (press release) (blog)

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WikiLeaks pays \$15K in legal fees for Manning

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Anti Wikileaks government praises Ellsberg

Salon

Ellsberg, whom the film portrays as a **whistleblower** of conscience, has been a

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IRS Proposes Altering Rules to Reward Informants in More Cases ...

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Grassley has criticized the agency repeatedly for not paying any awards to date, though a **whistleblower** office was established in 2007. He said in December that the program was being "underused" after the agency said it had failed to ...

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Rep. Darrell Issa — Who Says Investigating Wikileaks Is A Priority ...

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There seems to be a bit of confusion among the new leadership in the House concerning just what Wikileaks does. Just over a week ago or so, we noted that Rep.

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Turning in tax cheats to become more profitable

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER

Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said the new regulations should improve the **whistle- blower** program, encouraging more people with information about tax cheats to come forward. Grassley sponsored the IRS **whistle-blower** law and has been critical ...

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Vietnam gov; 1/2t leader calls for **whistle-blower** protections ...

By VietNam Today

Vietnam gov; 1/2t leader calls for **whistle-blower** protections at Deputy Prime Minister Truong Vinh Trong has instructed the Central Anticorruption Commission and the Ministry of Public Security to issue regulations to protect individuals ...

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[Why Obama Still Fears ACORN Whistleblower Anita MonCrief.](#)

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[Long-Awaited IRS Whistleblower Rule "Fix" Is Released for Comment...](#)

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[Whistleblower Lawyer Blog - http://www.whistleblowerlawyerblog.com/](http://www.whistleblowerlawyerblog.com/)

[Rep. Darrell Issa — Who Says Investigating Wikileaks Is A Priority ...](#)

By News

There seems to be a bit of confusion among the new leadership in the House concerning just what Wikileaks does. Just over a week ago or so, we noted that Rep. Darrell Issa, who is heading the oversight committee had declared that ...

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Who killed the **whistle-blower** bill?

MiamiHerald.com

The **Whistleblower** Protection Enhancement Act -- which would have offered expanded protection for federal employees against retaliation for reporting waste, ...

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Local Officials Charged in Texas **Whistleblower** Case

Medscape

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Surprise considers '**whistleblower**' ordinance, hiring ombudsman

YourWestValley.com

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Surprise to craft **whistle-blower** ordinance

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FDA **Whistleblower** in Serious Danger of Losing Her Job

OpEdNews

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Rep. Darrell Issa -- Who Says Investigating Wikileaks Is A Priority -- Sets Up ...

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Customer hit with \$3 fee for 7 cent call

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Whistleblower asked the state Public Utilities Commission about land-line fees that are often overlooked by customers. Providers only have to notify the ...

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Savannah Morning News asks Georgia to expand whistleblower law ...

By Richard Renner

In an editorial today, the Savannah Morning News is calling on Georgia state legislators to expand the state's **whistleblower** law to protect the employ.

Whistleblower Protection Blog - <http://www.whistleblowersblog.org/>

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- <http://harlemworldblog.wordpress.com/>

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By Texas Watch

Consumer Protection. Corporate Accountability. Citizen Advocacy.

Texas Watch - <http://www.texaswatch.org/>

NYPD "Black Doll Head" whistleblower fighting "retaliatory" arrest ...

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By Anna Renee

Maurice Copeland, Relentless Honeywell **Whistleblower**, Powerful Revolutionary. 01 /14/2011 by Anna Renee. It's too bad that so many political and social activists aren't getting the media attention that their particular battles merit. ...

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[EMAIL FROM WHISTLEBLOWER DR JOHN HUONG TO SHELL'S CHIEF ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE ...](#)

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[Medicaid Whistleblower Could Make Millions From Lawsuit](#)

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[Court dismisses Dow whistleblower case](#)

Midland Daily News

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[Whistleblower Case Exposes Illegal Marketing of Thousands of Unapproved Drugs ...](#)

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[Opening the Floodgates: The Dodd-Frank Whistleblower Provisions' Impact on ...](#)

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[Whistle-blower attorneys argue pattern of fraud; State Farm says claim ...](#)

SunHerald.com

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Julian Assange: Whistleblower Website - Wikileaks is Bleeding ...

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Digital Data Transmitter - <http://doubledt.com/>

PharmaGossip: Whistleblower Case Exposes Illegal Marketing of ...

By insider

The national **whistleblower** law firm of Nolan & Auerbach, P.A. announces today the unsealing of a **whistleblower** case filed nearly a decade ago on behalf of its client Constance Conrad. Until today, the public has been unaware that dozens ...

PharmaGossip - <http://pharmagossip.blogspot.com/>

Miami-Dade Animal Services Whistleblower Offers Eyewitness T ...

By Simone D.

A former employee of Miami-Dade Animal Services has come forward to testify to the killing of dozens of animals by a brutal method known as "heart-stick" in an incident at the shelter on October 22, 2010.

Care2 News Network - <http://www.care2.com/news/>

The World: Whistleblower Bradley Manning defense fund

By noswerk@gmail.com (1031424110)

Whistleblower Bradley Manning defense fund. Here's a new report that WikiLeaks just donated, as promised, another \$15000 to the Bradley Manning defense fund, bringing total to \$100000. at 7:48 AM · Email This BlogThis! ...

The World - <http://1031424110.blogspot.com/>

No Comments - Whistleblower Law Blog —

By admin

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WikiLeaks fulfills pledge to support accused whistle-blower ...

By Mike Gogulski

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[Bradley Manning Support Network - http://www.bradleymanning.org/](http://www.bradleymanning.org/)

A victory for whistleblowers! Teresa Chambers reinstated as Chief ...

By MCM

However, the last two years of litigation occurred under the Obama administration which, to the surprise of many, showed no interest in resolving Chief Chambers' or other holdover **whistleblower** cases. ...

[News From Underground - http://markcrispinmiller.com/](http://markcrispinmiller.com/)

CyberSmokeBlog.blogspot.com: A whistleblower loose in South Carolina?

By Clare L. Pieuk

A **whistleblower** loose in South Carolina? Good Day Readers: We received the following e-mail from The Public Eye a practicing criminal defence lawyer somewhere in Canada and part time blogger so decided to do some detective work: ...

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GOP **Whistleblower** Site to Keep Tabs on Their Own

Lawyers and Settlements (blog)

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Resounding Legal Victory Appears to Finally Resolve 7-Year **Whistleblower** Case

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Appeals court overturns **whistleblower** ruling

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Who Killed **Whistleblower** Bill? Hunt Is on for Mystery Senator

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A New Opportunity to Protect Federal Employee **Whistleblowers**

Common Dreams (press release)

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By Negotiation Is Over

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[NEGOTIATION IS OVER - http://negotiationisover.com/](http://negotiationisover.com/)

On The Media Seeks Senator Who Killed Whistleblower Bill

By whytewolf

At the beginning of the year, we wondered if a "**whistleblower**" might reveal the anonymous Senator who killed the **whistleblower** protection bill that was making its way through Congress (and had already been ...

[WhyteWolf Technology - News from... - http://whytewolf.us/frontpage](http://whytewolf.us/frontpage)

FBC Jax Watchdog: "Whistle Blower" at Church Breaks Another ...

By FBC Jax Watchdog

I'm glad the Assistant State Attorney recognizes the need for the anonymity of the **whistle-blower**, as sadly, they too can face retribution from church members. By the way, I first heard of this story at Tiffany ...

[FBC Jax Watchdog - http://fbcjaxwatchdog.blogspot.com/](http://fbcjaxwatchdog.blogspot.com/)

Whistle-blower (me) explaining banks' fraud

By Jason Werner

More in-depth explanation with Exhibits: WARNING: This video is by a Christian who does not care about "winning friends and influencing people," but rather that justice would be won in America. ...

[Live for Jesus - http://jasonwerner79.blogspot.com/](http://jasonwerner79.blogspot.com/)

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Assange fears 'execution or Guantanamo detention' if extradited

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Malaysia Star

PETALING JAYA: The effectiveness of the **Whistleblower** Protection Act to fight corruption depends on how sophisticated it is in protecting informers, ...

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Guest columnist Senate needs to step up and pass the federal **whistle-blower** act

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My Bell Jar: Kathryn Bolkovac on Diane Rehm: "The Whistleblower"

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Whistle-blower laments doping suspect's death

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Jesús Manzano, ex-professional cyclist with the Kelme team, who blew the whistle on organised doping within the Spanish cycling world in March 2004, ...

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Issa launches **whistleblower** website

The Hill (blog)

One **whistleblower** has alerted Issa of what he sees as waste at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The submission arrived from vocal tech-policy ...

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Devine also noted that under previous administrations, **whistleblower** protection legislation had been defeated on the basis that the Justice Department ...

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MoEF U-turn on **whistleblower**, sends case back to Haryana govt

Times of India

NEW DELHI: Even after Union environment minister Jairam Ramesh ordered the revocation of the fabricated chargesheet against the **whistleblower** in the Haryana ...

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Corporate **Whistle Blower** Center Says 1000's Of Health Care Or Pharmaceutical

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San Francisco Chronicle (press release)

The Corporate **Whistle Blower** Center is saying, "we think there are 1000's of healthcare professionals, pharmaceutical managers, or medical device ...

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Health care **whistleblower** to visit bookstore

The Tennessean

By Josh Adams • THE TENNESSEAN • January 11, 2011 BRENTWOOD — Wendell Potter, the Tennessee native turned **whistleblower**, will be in Williamson County on ...

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Dutch auditor turns EU **whistle-blower**

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But for Ms Andreasen, a former Chief Accountant of the European Commission turned **whistle-blower** herself, the revelations are nothing new. ...

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Shell **whistleblower** Dr John Huang and freedom of speech on the Internet

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[Livinglies's Weblog - http://livinglies.wordpress.com/](http://livinglies.wordpress.com/)

DHS **Whistle-blower**: They're Training Local Police to Suspend ...

By POPEYE

Film maker William Lewis had the chance to sit down with former police officer turned **whistle-blower** Travis Maddox for an interview contained the newly released film Enemy of the State: Camp FEMA Part 2. ...

[Federal Jack - http://www.federaljack.com/](http://www.federaljack.com/)

Issa Launches **Whistleblower** Website « Old Dominion Blogs

By Project Virginia

Issa Launches **Whistleblower** Website. Posted at ProjectVirginia - Where Politics Meets Social Media. House Oversight Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) is accepting tips on government fraud and waste. He set up a website that allows ...

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Drowning Equilibriums: **Whistleblower**

By Aisa.Paxie

Whistleblower. Today I just felt like going out, so I asked Mich if we could have dinner at Eastwood. But the truth is, I just wanted to dress up and stroll someplace else other than Alimall, SM Cubao or Gateway. Haha. ...

[Drowning Equilibriums - http://ipaxme.blogspot.com/](http://ipaxme.blogspot.com/)

Whistleblower court sees as a stage | MoneyZebra.com

LONDON – For the first time next Wednesday, a **whistleblower** from the financial sector right. The Swiss Rudolf Elmer leaked via Wikileaks include sensitive documents that would prove tax evasion. "It's annoying, but I'm such a trial as ...

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Informers have faith in **Whistleblower** Protection Act

Malaysia Star

By ISABELLE LAI PETALING JAYA: About 100 people have come forward to volunteer information since the **Whistleblower** Protection Act took effect on Dec 15 ...

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Surprise council to consider **whistle-blower** ordinance

Arizona Republic

Whistle-blower ordinances, which have been adopted by cities and states throughout the country, generally protect government employees from being threatened ...

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LA Times op-ed: Who Killed the **Whistleblower** Bill? **Whistleblower** Daily News

Government Accountability Project (blog)

This op-ed by GAP Legal Director Tom Devine explains how the **whistleblower** reform bill was killed last minute in Congress through one senator's "secret hold ...

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Councilmen push **whistle-blower** ordinance

Arizona Republic (blog)

Surprise Councilmen Mike Woodard and John Williams are pushing for the city to adopt its first **whistle-blower** ordinance. An article published in The ...

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Whistleblower Says: Obama's DoJ Declares War on Whistleblowers

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Simpson's strong words now are prompted by the Obama administration's failure to follow up on **whistleblower** complaints such as hers nationally about the ...

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Whistleblower Bounties: Can Hedge Funds Double Dip Under Dodd-Frank?

Hedgeworld (subscription)

By Reuters NEW YORK (Reuters)—**Whistleblower** provisions in the Dodd-Frank law may have handed hedge funds a golden opportunity and the SEC a unique ...

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WikiLeaks lawyer dubs US subpoena on Twitter 'harassment'

Register

US prosecutor demands that Twitter hand over data about WikiLeaks and a raft of supporters amounts to harassment, a lawyer for the **whistle-blower** website ...

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Prison **Whistleblower** Condemned to Solitary Confinement « Solitary ...

By James Ridgeway and Jean Casella

Joshlyn on Prison **Whistleblower** Condemned to Solitary Confinement; Balanced Justice on For Jamie Scott, an \$11 Robbery in Mississippi May Carry a Death Sentence; Alan CYA#65085 on The Scott Sisters' "Debt to Society" and the New Jim ...

Solitary Watch - <http://solitarywatch.com/>

ACORN **Whistleblower** Anita Moncrief launches new Tea Party in ...

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How a Red Herring about WikiLeaks Killed Whistleblower Protections

WikiLeaks killed our whistleblower protections bill—sort of. After an unbelievable roller coaster of fear and fallacies, votes on and off, and a flurry of activity, when the lights went out in the Capitol Building on December 22, the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act was dead.

It may be one of the few times in history when legislation has passed both chambers *unanimously* within two weeks and still failed to get to the president's desk. Here's what happened:

On December 10, the Senate finally passed the bipartisan Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act (WPEA) by unanimous consent. It did not include every reform we had sought, but would have substantially changed the status quo for taxpayers and our federal workforce, which has been bullied into silence about everything from deadly pharmaceuticals to huge contractor fraud to faulty equipment and practices that put our troops at risk. The WPEA would have saved billions of taxpayer dollars and countless lives by enacting real, desperately-needed protections for those in our government who warn us of waste, fraud, political tampering with science, and other abuses.

After passing this huge Senate hurdle, making the reforms law seemed finally within reach. It had taken months and years of deliberations, advocacy, and negotiations to get a bill that eventually won the support of all 100 senators, thanks in large part to the sustained efforts of Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and his cosponsors Senators Charles Grassley (R-IA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Joe Lieberman (D-CT) and George Voinovich (formerly R-OH), as well as the White House.

As soon as the Senate passed WPEA (S. 372), our House allies moved quickly to queue it up for passage in the remaining days on the legislative calendar. The House had already passed a version of the bill in 2007 and again in 2009 that would have gone much further in expanding whistleblower rights than the bill passed in the Senate. We thought our enemy in the House was time.

But then a few Republicans tried to connect the bill to the WikiLeaks controversy. There was no real connection—just an opportunity for a media platform to possibly embarrass the president and kill a bill he supported in the process. It was particularly stinging that Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA), the incoming chair of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee (and winner of POGO's 2010 Good Government Award for his work promoting government transparency and accountability), raised the WikiLeaks red herring and effectively derailed the Senate-passed bill in the House. Issa had long supported the WPEA, but suddenly did an about-face, repeatedly citing concerns that the bill might further enable WikiLeaks-type disclosures. The reality couldn't have been further from the truth.

There was absolutely nothing in the bill that would have allowed for the public disclosure of classified information a la WikiLeaks. This bill was about preventing leaks by protecting lawful disclosures by federal employees for more government accountability. Dozens of the most trusted good government groups from across the ideological spectrum made this clear in an urgent plea to Issa, and yet he persisted in the WikiLeaks propaganda.

So, in an attempt to end the scare tactics and salvage major reforms desperately needed, Representatives Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Todd Platts (R-PA), the champions of the House version of the bill (H.R. 1507), removed portions of S. 372 that would have extended coverage to intelligence community workers and other national security-related issues. It was a hard pill to swallow after the Senate cosponsors had spent most of the year negotiating changes to these new rights to appease concerns raised by former Missouri Republican Senator Kit Bond and others. However the result was effective: Absent the national security provisions, Issa and other House Republicans could no longer make even a remote connection to WikiLeaks, and so the path was cleared again for passage.

It also was likely an unintended consequence. The bill had been cut, but Mr. Issa had long supported the national security provisions that now had been dropped. In fact, he had supported the more expansive protections for intelligence community and national security workers in the earlier House bill. He eventually signaled his support for the pared-down bill in a press release, noting the need to deal with WikiLeaks issues separately in the New Year.

So after several days of intensive efforts, the House passed the trimmed version of the WPEA in a relatively rare agreement by unanimous consent around 5:40 p.m. on December 22, the last day of the 111th Congress. Our Senate allies had been preparing to run it through if the House passed it, but there was an extremely narrow and unpredictable window—maybe only minutes or hours.

There was another scramble. It was S. 372 minus some provisions, but again, every remaining provision had already won the support of every senator. The Democrats cleared it, but would Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) keep the lights on until it passed?

It took less than an hour for the death knell. At least one anonymous Republican senator put a secret hold on the bill, and then skipped town.

So, in spite of the absolute heroics of our House and Senate cosponsors and their staff, tremendous support from the White House, intense and effective advocacy from the whistleblower, labor, and accountability communities, federal whistleblowers still ended up with coal in their stockings—again.

We are hearing that the hold in the Senate was placed at the request of House Republicans. If true, it does not bode well for a renewed effort this year. We urge the Republican senator who held the bill to come forward instead of hiding in the shadows. Perhaps there are thoughtful policy concerns behind the hold, but if the senator does not share those, we can only assume foul play.

Meanwhile, Chairman Issa continues to relate whistleblower protections with WikiLeaks. Issa told Fox News this week that “ultimately the next whistleblower bill has to deal with WikiLeaks” and “we’re going to do that right off that bat.” It certainly is the case that there were failures leading up to Private Bradley Manning’s alleged leaking of classified information. Those failures should be examined, as well as the policies for sharing information

and intelligence across government assets safely and effectively. But those issues should be addressed separately from the wholly different need to strengthen whistleblower protections for civil servants to improve overall government accountability to taxpayers.

Chairman Issa has promised hundreds of hearings and active oversight of the federal government. We hope Chairman Issa will agree that his job will be made far easier once potential whistleblowers can come to his committee without the enormous risks they face today. If Issa is to fulfill his oversight agenda, he undoubtedly will need the trust and cooperation of federal workers, which he can help ensure by quickly moving the bill to protect them that he supported. He then can turn to WikiLeaks and the host of other issues on his agenda. It's time to drop the red herring about WikiLeaks and protect civil servants who lawfully blow the whistle.

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A Clear Danger to Free Speech

By GEOFFREY R. STONE

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THE so-called Shield bill, which was recently introduced in both houses of Congress in response to the WikiLeaks disclosures, would amend the Espionage Act of 1917 to make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to disseminate, “in any manner prejudicial to the safety or interest of the United States,” any classified information “concerning the human intelligence activities of the United States.”

Although this proposed law may be constitutional as applied to government employees who unlawfully leak such material to people who are unauthorized to receive it, it would plainly violate the First Amendment to punish anyone who might publish or otherwise circulate the information after it has been leaked. At the very least, the act must be expressly limited to situations in which the spread of the classified information poses a clear and imminent danger of grave harm to the nation.

The clear and present danger standard has been a central element of our First Amendment jurisprudence ever since Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.’s 1919 opinion in Schenk v. United States. In the 90 years since, the precise meaning of “clear and present danger” has evolved, but the animating principle was stated brilliantly by Justice Louis D. Brandeis in his 1927 concurring opinion in Whitney v. California. The founders “did not exalt order at the cost of liberty,” wrote Brandeis; on the contrary, they understood that “only an emergency can justify repression. Such must be the rule if authority is to be reconciled with freedom. Such ... is the command of the Constitution. It is, therefore, always open to Americans to challenge a law abridging free speech and assembly by showing that there was no emergency justifying it.”

On the other hand, the First Amendment does not compel government transparency. It leaves the government extraordinary autonomy to protect its own secrets. It does not accord anyone the right to have the government disclose information about its actions or policies, and it cedes to the government considerable authority to restrict the speech of its own employees. What it does not do, however, is allow the government to suppress the free speech of others when it has failed to keep its own secrets.

We might think of this like the attorney-client privilege. If a lawyer reveals his client’s confidences to a reporter, he can be punished for violating that privilege — but the

newspaper cannot constitutionally be punished for publishing the information.

There are very good reasons why it makes sense to give the government so little authority to punish the circulation of unlawfully leaked information.

First, the mere fact that such information might “prejudice the interests of the United States” does not mean that that harm outweighs the benefit of publication; in many circumstances, it may be extremely valuable to public understanding. Consider, for example, classified information about the absence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Second, the reasons that government officials want secrecy are many and varied. They range from the truly compelling to the patently illegitimate. As we have learned from our own history, it is often very tempting for government officials to overstate their need for secrecy, especially in times of national anxiety. A strict clear and present danger standard — rather than an unwieldy and unpredictable case-by-case balancing of harm against benefit — establishes a high bar to protect us against this danger.

And finally, a central principle of the First Amendment is that the suppression of free speech must be the government’s last rather than its first resort in addressing a problem. The most obvious way for the government to prevent the danger posed by the circulation of classified material is by ensuring that information that must be kept secret is not leaked in the first place.

Indeed, the Supreme Court made this point quite clearly in its 2001 decision in Bartnicki v. Vopper, which held that when an individual receives information “from a source who obtained it unlawfully,” that individual may not be punished for publicly disseminating the information “absent a need ... of the highest order.”

The court explained that if the sanctions now attached to the underlying criminal act “do not provide sufficient deterrence,” then perhaps they should be “made more severe” — but “it would be quite remarkable to hold” that an individual can constitutionally be punished merely for publishing information because the government failed to “deter conduct by a non-law-abiding third party.” This is a sound solution.

If we grant the government too much power to punish those who disseminate information, then we risk too great a sacrifice of public deliberation; if we grant the government too little power to control confidentiality at the source, then we risk too great a sacrifice of secrecy. The answer is thus to reconcile the irreconcilable values of secrecy and accountability by guaranteeing *both* a strong authority of the government to prohibit leaks *and* an expansive right of others to disseminate information to the public.

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Bill to protect whistleblowers fails in Senate

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A bill giving federal employees expanded protections against retaliation for blowing the whistle on waste, fraud and abuse died in Congress on Wednesday night, after a 12-year lobbying effort won last-minute unanimous approval for it in the House but failed to gain similar approval under special voting rules in the Senate.

A single unnamed senator put a hold on the bill, which had already passed the Senate by voice vote in a more controversial form, just before the chamber adjourned for the Christmas holiday. That decision denied the Obama administration - and many Republican supporters - a victory that accountability advocates have long sought.

The aim of the legislation was to bolster incentives for federal workers to put a halt to wrongdoing by making protected disclosures to their superiors, Congress or the public. Those who work at borders, airports and nuclear facilities, as well as law enforcement agencies such as the FBI, would be among those covered.

The Obama administration initially sought to include national security and intelligence employees and won bipartisan Senate support for doing so, but the part of the bill that covered them was stripped by supporters in recent days after House Republicans expressed concern that it might encourage disclosures comparable to the WikiLeaks publication of U.S. diplomatic cables.

Democrats countered that the bill would inhibit such breaches by specifically opening confidential, protected and legal channels for reporting classified abuse. But Michael Steel, a spokesman for House Minority Leader John A. Boehner (R-Ohio), said, "We had concerns based on the impact it could have on the intelligence community," and added that "those concerns were addressed" when the bill was altered.

The outcome left the measure's supporters fuming. "This holiday season Senate Republicans gave taxpayers a secret Scrooge. After unanimous House approval today, and unanimous Senate approval last month of a stronger bill, this evening an anonymous Senate Republican killed the reform through a secret hold," said Thomas Devine, legal director of the nonprofit Government Accountability Project.

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"Protecting whistleblowers makes government better for all of us," said White House spokesman Reid Cherlin about the bill.

The bill specifically protected disclosures related to unlawful acts, regulatory violations, abuses of authority, dangers to public health and any gross mismanagement or gross waste of funds, so long as the whistleblower had substantial evidence to back a claim. It would have reversed hundreds of legal rulings that advocates say have gutted whistleblower rights, including some that barred protection for disclosures to co-workers or the person responsible for wrongdoing.

It also contained provisions specifically meant to protect against retaliation for the disclosure of any manipulation of

scientific data, and, for the first time, would have allowed those who suffer alleged retaliation to request a jury trial in federal courts across the country. They now can get a hearing only before a single court in Washington that many advocates view as hostile to federal workers rights.

Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Conn.), a key sponsor of the bill, said, "We want to send a clear signal that whistleblowers will have the protection they deserve." Rep. Todd Russell Platts (R-Pa.), another key sponsor, said he believes the legislation will empower "those on the front lines" in the federal workforce who see wrongdoing to come forward, because it provides a legal means for them to do so. Today, he said, they are "understandably hesitant."

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On May 6, 2008, about 20 FBI agents searched the work area of Scott Bloch at the Office of Special Counsel. Bloch was removed from office at the end of the Bush administration and pleaded guilty to withholding information from Congress. After two years, the White House plans to nominate a replacement.

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December 15, 2010

A federal office that ran aground under the Bush administration is about to get a new leader. The White House plans to nominate Carolyn Lerner to run the Office of Special Counsel, which represents federal whistle-blowers and other victims of discrimination within the government.

Whistle-blower groups applaud the nomination and call it long overdue.

"She's a great choice," says Debbie Katz, a private lawyer who represents government whistle-blowers. "She's going to have her work cut out for her."

Katz, who is familiar with Lerner's work, says the new special counsel "has a lot to do to restore credibility in this office, to make federal employees willing to go to that office with their complaints. The morale in that office is terrible now."

Quick Facts: Carolyn Lerner

The White House plans to nominate Carolyn Lerner to run the Office of Special Counsel.

- Lerner, who founded a civil rights and employment law firm in Washington, D.C., has worked on the sorts of cases that characterize the Office of Special Counsel's workload.
- Lerner is also an adjunct faculty member at George Washington University Law School, where she teaches mediation, and is a mediator for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the D.C. Human Relations Commission.
- Lerner's nomination must be confirmed by the Senate before she can begin a five-year term.

Source: NPR; [Heller, Huron, Chertkof, Lerner, Simon & Salzman website](#)

The morale problem is partly due to the tumultuous reign of the last head of the office, Scott Bloch. While the U.S. special counsel is supposed to serve a five-year term, Bloch never made it to the end of his term. He was removed from office at the end of the Bush administration and later pleaded guilty to withholding information from Congress.

"I gave a lot of credit to the career staff for being able to get their work done in the eye of Hurricane Scott," says Jim Mitchell, who was the office's spokesman until Bloch ousted him. "He became very defensive after the FBI raided the office."

That FBI raid in 2008 was part of an inquiry into whether Bloch erased files from his computer to obstruct a federal investigation. The investigation focused on whether Bloch had retaliated and discriminated against his employees.

An 'Extraordinary' Case

Danielle Brian of the Project on Government Oversight calls Bloch's tenure one of the most bizarre episodes in whistle-blower history. "Not only did he really not believe in the mission of the agency, but he was actually retaliating against his own employees, which is quite extraordinary, given that his job was to protect employees from this retaliation."

"As Special Counsel I made people on both sides mad," Bloch said in a written statement to NPR on Tuesday. "I made the Bush Administration mad by going after

Karl Rove and making high ranking Republican officials leave office, causing 1000 planes to be grounded through investigations of the FAA, because that is the nature of the job."

Since the start of Bloch's tenure in 2004, whistle-blowers across the federal government have said they have had no good place to turn. "Literally hundreds of whistle-blowers every year who can't afford a due process hearing or trial are defenseless when they try to defend the public against betrayals of trust," says Tom Devine of the Government Accountability Project. "They can be fired virtually at will, and if they go to the Office of Special Counsel, they'll be on an endless treadmill that goes nowhere."

The same is true of government workers fired for their race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or other protected classes. The Office of Special Counsel is supposed to stand up for them, but experts in the field say the office has been a dysfunctional shell for years now.

'Waiting For Godot'

Brian believes the White House's inaction — leaving the position vacant for two years — has had consequences. "The lack of strong legal protections for these employees is what is driving these people outside channels to the newspapers and to WikiLeaks," she says.

The Obama administration has taken steps to help whistle-blowers in other ways. The White House is pushing hard for a whistle-blower bill in Congress that now seems on the verge of passing. In light of that intense activity, government oversight groups were baffled that the president took so long to nominate someone to run the Office of Special Counsel.

"Frankly, I stopped asking, because how many times can you ask and hear, 'We're getting to it?' " said an exasperated Brian last week.

"It seems like we're waiting for Godot," added Devine of the Government Accountability Project.

Godot arrives with Lerner's nomination. She founded a civil rights and employment law firm in Washington, D.C., and she has worked on the sorts of retaliation and discrimination cases that characterize the workload of the Office of Special Counsel. She must be confirmed by the Senate before her five-year term can begin.

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Time is running out! Monday, December 13, is the last day to make any changes to--and be confident of--your health care coverage for 2011. Here is information that may help you in making a last minute decision on your 2011 health insurance decisions.

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Add-ons Turn Tax Cut Bill into 'Christmas Tree'

In the spirit of the holiday season, President Barack Obama's tax-cut deal with Republicans is becoming a Christmas tree tinsel with gifts for lobbyists and lawmakers. It's all expected to come to a decisive vote this week with the total cost by the latest congressional estimate: \$857.8 billion.

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As part of an effort to shed excess property as the space shuttle program winds down, NASA sold off 10 computers without first making sure highly sensitive data had been removed according to an FBI investigation.

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The Best Date to Retire in 2011

Many people are curious about the best day to retire in 2011. Well, the best day to retire in 2011 is the same as it was in 2010; that is December 31st. This is especially important for those who are planning on receiving a large annual leave payment, as the leave year ends on December 31, 2011 and anyone who retires after that date will lose any excess use-or-lose leave they have accrued.

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HR 1722 was signed into law by President Obama Thursday afternoon. Also known as the Telework Enhancement Act, the bill aims to increase the work-at-home opportunities for federal employees.

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Annual Pay Freeze for Congress? Done!

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Hatch Act News

Political activities rule changes to be proposed for federal employees

Washington Post, July 23, 2013

Federal employees who violate restrictions on partisan political activities no longer would face firing by default, under proposed rules set for publication Wednesday. Rules from the Office of Personnel Management would carry out changes to the Hatch Act enacted last year, the first major overhaul of those policies in nearly two decades.

Under prior policy, employees were automatically fired for violations, a penalty that could be reduced only to an unpaid 30-day suspension on appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board. Under the proposed rules, penalties for violations could include reprimands, shorter suspensions, reduction in grade, a civil penalty of up to \$1,000, firing and debarment from federal employment for five years.

Dougherty attorney alleges election law, Hatch Act violations

The Livingston County News, July 21, 2013

Kevin Van Allen, counsel for the Tom Dougherty For Sheriff campaign team, told The County News on Monday that he is, "investigating and intends to pursue all available legal remedies" pertaining to civil rights, federal Hatch Act and state election law violations which, Van Allen alleges, have been taking place through directives from Sheriff John York and his administration.

USERRA News

Returning war on terror military veterans find promised jobs are gone and, despite laws, no legal help for getting rehired

International Business Times, July 12, 2013

When they came home, they expected to pick up life where they had left off. A law called the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act, or USERRA, was supposed to help ensure that happened.

But while the burden is heavy, willfully violating USERRA can lead to double damages being awarded. In some cases, smaller companies file for bankruptcy to avoid the payouts, once again leaving the Reserve or Guard personnel with few or no avenues for compensation for their troubles, and in some cases leaving them with bills to pay.

Whistleblower News

Manning is acquitted of 'Aiding the Enemy'

New York Times, July 30, 2013

A military judge on Tuesday found Pfc. Bradley Manning not guilty of aiding the enemy, but convicted him of multiple counts of violating the Espionage Act.

Private Manning had already confessed to being WikiLeaks' source for a huge cache of government documents, which included videos of airstrikes in which civilians were killed, hundreds of thousands of front-line incident reports from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, dossiers on men being held without trial at the Guantánamo Bay prison, and about 250,000 diplomatic cables.

How the Bradley Manning verdict avoided a serious chill on whistleblowing

National Journal, July 30, 2013

On Tuesday, Judge Col. Denise Lind convicted Army Pfc. Bradley Manning of many major charges, but Manning dodged the big one: "aiding the enemy." That charge would have come with a possible life sentence. The conviction still includes 5 charges under the Espionage Act, and Manning could face a long sentence of over 100 years. Manning had previously pled guilty to 10 of the lesser 22 charges against him, pleading not guilty to the most serious, aiding the enemy charge. The full extent of the conviction is still coming in from the court. Sentencing in the case will begin Wednesday morning.

But the biggest news may be the lack of an aiding the enemy conviction, which could have resulted in a dramatic legal precedent.

After the whistle: Revelers of government secrets share how their lives have changed

Washington Post, July 29, 2013

He eventually found some work as a consultant, helping to start and run the FBI's counterproliferation program out of Sandia National Laboratories. Meanwhile, he has been trying for years to collect the \$89,500 annual pension and health insurance that he thinks he is owed.

Much of what he tried to report about Pakistan's nuclear program is common knowledge today, and several national security bestsellers have included his story, including George Crile III's 2003 book "Charlie Wilson's War: The Extraordinary Story of the Largest Covert Operation in History," which describes Barlow as a "brilliant young analyst who gave devastating testimony."

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Hatch Act News

Feds rule in favor of Sandra Doorley's candidacy for D.A. – Democrat and Chronicle

August 9, 2011

Federal officials have ruled that Democrat Sandra Doorley's candidacy for district attorney does not violate the federal Hatch Act. The Hatch Act restricts government employees from seeking office if their duties include oversight or participation in programs reliant in part on federal funds. [\[Read more\]](#)

Whistleblower News

Government accountability advocates convene to honor Tom Drake – POGO

August 9, 2011

Last Thursday night, there was a celebration in the world of government accountability. In the courtyard of the Mott House, good government folks from Washington and the surrounding area gathered to celebrate the outcome of the Thomas Drake case. [\[Read more\]](#)

Openleaks announces a test launch, invites 3000 hackers to attack it – Forbes

August 10, 2011

WikiLeaks spinoff OpenLeaks may be long delayed from its initial plans for launch early this year. But the whistleblower project is far from dead. In fact, the volunteers behind the site would like, very literally, to see you try and kill it. [\[Read more\]](#)

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Hatch Act News

Letter to the Editor – Hot Springs Star

August 16, 2011

The Federal Government took more than a year to decide that then-Deputy/ Sheriff-candidate Rich Mraz did not violate the Hatch Act during the 2010 election. States Attorney Jim Sword says it is now clear that the case "was not a 'slam dunk.'" [\[Read more\]](#)

Whistleblower News

Dicks office aims for meeting with Border Patrol over 'concerns' from public – Peninsula Daily News

August 14, 2011

Staff members from the North Olympic Peninsula's congressional delegation plan to meet this month with the U.S. Border Patrol's top supervisor for the Blaine sector to discuss a sore point among some Peninsula residents: stepped-up Border Patrol activities in Clallam and Jefferson counties. [\[Read more\]](#)

GAO greenlights CFTC whistleblower incentive fund – IEC Journal

August 14, 2011

GAO has ruled in favor of a Commodity Futures Trading Commission plan to use its Customer Protection Fund to pay incentives to whistleblowers: [B-321788](#), U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission-- Availability of the Customer Protection Fund, August 8, 2011. [\[Read more\]](#)

Executive order responding to WikiLeaks due shortly – Federation of American Scientists

August 12, 2011

The Obama Administration is putting the finishing touches on a new executive order that is intended to improve the security of classified information in government computer networks as part of the government's response to WikiLeaks. [\[Read more\]](#)

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August 31, 2011

Whistleblower News

POGO urges more sunshine with regard to contractor misconduct reporting rule - POGO

August 30, 2011

Last week, POGO submitted a public comment to the General Services Administration (GSA) in response to a proposed extension of a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision requiring contractors to disclosure certain contract-related misconduct. Since December 2008, the FAR has required contractors to timely disclose to the government credible evidence of criminal violations related to a federal contract or subcontract, violations of the civil False Claims Act, or significant contract overpayments or else be subject to suspension or debarment. [\[Read more\]](#)

Wikileaks leaves names of diplomatic sources in cables - NY Times

August 30, 2011

In a shift of tactics that has alarmed American officials, the antisecrecy organization [WikiLeaks](#) has published on the Web nearly 134,000 leaked diplomatic cables in recent days, more than six times the total disclosed publicly since the posting of the leaked State Department documents began last November. [\[Read more\]](#)

USERRA News

Veterans employment opportunity act plays key role in Feds' vet hiring uptick - Fed Smith

August 30, 2011

With a new report showing that more than 72,000 veterans were added to the federal executive branch's payroll in the 2010 fiscal year, federal managers are patting themselves on the back for ramping up hiring of such workers as President Barack Obama directed them to do in 2009. It is promising to see in this report that executive branch agencies hired 2,000 more veterans in the 2010 fiscal year than the previous fiscal year, but it is far too early to be breaking out the champagne. [\[Read more\]](#)

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Hatch Act News

US Congressman, Steuben County Sheriff backing changes to Hatch Act – Evening Tribune

October 25, 2011

Changes could be coming to a federal act that wreaked havoc in the 2008 Steuben County Sheriff's race and forced the undersheriff and the chief deputy to resign during the election. U.S. Congressman Tom Reed is co-sponsoring the State and Local Law Enforcement Hatch Act of 2011, which would modify the long-standing Hatch Act. The antiquated bill forced current Steuben County Sheriff Joel Ordway to resign as chief deputy in October 2008, while fellow candidate and former undersheriff Dave Cole resigned for similar reasons only days before Ordway. [\[Read more\]](#)

Whistleblower News

Special Counsel should be mindful not to dole out unjustified disciplinary action to federal managers under guise of accountability – Fed Manager

October 25, 2011

The Washington Post recently reported that it is a "new day" at the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) and that the new Special Counsel, Carolyn Lerner, is bringing the agency back from its dormant state under the former embattled Special Counsel, Scott Bloch-and restoring its reputation. OSC is an independent federal investigative/prosecutorial agency. Its core responsibility is to protect the well-established merit system principles created by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. [\[Read more\]](#)

Founder says Wikileaks, starved of cash, may close – NY Times

October 24, 2011

Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, said on Monday that his Web site could be forced to shut down by the end of the year because a 10-month-old "financial blockade" had sharply reduced the donations on which it depends. [\[Read more\]](#)

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Let's Ensure Whistleblowers' Good Deeds Go Unpunished

Posted: 11/21/11 11:40 AM ET

Last week, Franz Gayl was given his life back.

The Marine Corps veteran, who made waves in 2007 when he blamed top military officials for failing to speed the shipment of life-saving vehicles to Iraq, has spent the last few years seeing his vaunted career ripped to shreds. He's been publicly humiliated, reprimanded by his superiors. He had his security clearance yanked and placed on administrative leave for alleged improper use of a flash drive in a secure computer, effectively ending a 35-year career working for the Marines.

So Gayl was at home sitting at his computer last week looking for work as a volunteer firefighter when he got the call that his security clearance had been reinstated, giving him his job back as a science adviser at the Pentagon. "I was flabbergasted, but I am overjoyed that I can now return to my work of supporting the Marine Corps that has been, remains and will always be my life," he emailed The Huffington Post on Friday. He claims that his suspension was in retaliation for his demand that military brass be held accountable for the delay in delivery of mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles known as MRAPs.

Gayl's experience is an all too common one. In return for saving lives, highlighting government corruption and saving millions in taxpayer money, government whistleblowers are often punished for their good deeds.



Franz Gayl

It is likely that Gayl would never have been disciplined if the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act had been in place. The bill, which extends current safeguards to government contractors and bolsters prevailing protections for whistleblowers, enjoys bipartisan support spanning liberal Democrats and Tea Party conservatives. But it remains stalled in Congress, due to the opposition of government bureaucrats and some powerful lawmakers.

"These folks haven't had to worry about anyone looking over their shoulder for decades," explains the Government Accountability Project's legal director Tom Devine, adding that members of the intelligence and military bureaucracy have opposed meaningful changes to current whistleblower protections.

Earlier this month, a version of the bill sponsored by Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) passed unanimously through the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. But its fate remains unclear in the full House where some lawmakers previously implied -- amid the furor over WikiLeaks -- that it entails disclosure of classified information.

At the end of 2010, the Senate version was killed in the final moments of the legislative session when a mystery senator placed a secret hold on the bill at the behest of the incoming House Republican leadership (the Government Accountability Project and NPR's "On the Media" got every senator but Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) and Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) to deny placing the hold).

Gayl's experience is a powerful reminder of the importance of whistleblowers.

When Gayl did a tour of duty in Iraq in 2006, he was shocked to see how many American soldiers were being killed and maimed by improvised roadside bombs. Many of them were driving Humvees, which are particularly vulnerable during such explosions due to their low mass, parts made of flammable aluminum and low ground clearance.

But Gayl was even more devastated to learn that the Corps was "well aware of this vulnerability as early as 1994 when experts reported that the Humvee is a 'death trap' against IEDs," he said over email. Moreover, it had neglected to look for a replacement for years and failed to act on multiple requests by

generals and commanders in the field for mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles, which were commercially available and known to be nearly impervious to most IED attacks.

"Unfortunately, the civilian bureaucrats in the support establishment had buried the request for 1,169 MRAPs in 2005 leading to a 19 month delay in mass fielding, and a horrendous number of unnecessary deaths and injuries in the vulnerable Humvee, even when the threat and the tangible consequences were known to the responsible bureaucrats," Gayl emailed HuffPost.

The reason for the delay, Gayl said, is that some military bureaucrats wanted to "protect funding already programmed to Humvees and other planned projects."

A 35-year member of the Corps, Gayl grew so frustrated that he went public with his complaints in 2007 to pressure military brass to send MRAPs and to "[make] sure officials were held accountable for what I knew to be corrupted acquisition practices so that such a tragedy would not be permitted to happen in future conflicts."

It wasn't easy for him to do, he explained, citing the Marines' emphasis on loyalty and unit cohesion. "I never imagined becoming a whistleblower. To me and most of the Marines I know the mere word carries with it connotations of being a narc, a snitch, and even a traitor. ... However, my observations in Iraq and futile interaction with the stateside acquisition bureaucracy at all levels led me to do the very thing I would never have envisioned doing beforehand."

His outspokenness eventually helped prompt the Pentagon to expedite the shipment of thousands of MRAPs to Iraq's most dangerous provinces. Soon the death rate for Americans in such explosions plummeted -- Pentagon leaders even praised Gayl for his actions.

And how was Gayl rewarded for his good deed?

Two weeks after Pentagon chief Robert Gates launched a MRAP task force to speed the delivery of the vehicles to Iraq in 2008, Gayl received his first formal letter of reprimand in all his years of military service. And one day in October last year, when he arrived for work at the Pentagon, he was informed that his security clearance had been yanked. He was told to collect his belongings and placed on administrative leave -- basically ending his career. He was told that he was being investigated for using an unauthorized flash drive within a secure facility on several occasions.

Gayl said he supports the passage of the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act, saying that both Senate and House version are great improvements on status quo protections. He emphasizes that his success at getting his job back is an anomaly and should not be the exception "that proves a rule, but rather be the rule itself by means of enhanced whistleblower protection having teeth; legislation of the sort that will hopefully be signed into law by the President before the end of the year."

Here is the full transcript of my interview via email with Franz Gayl (my questions are in bold), preceded by a brief introduction written by Gayl.

To begin, I want to express my deepest thanks to all who have steadfastly supported me throughout this ordeal. In particular this pertains to fellow civilians, and the countless active duty, reserve, and retired Marines of all ranks from around the world who have remained in contact with and reached out to me, often risking their own careers in the process. This five year saga in my professional life has deepened my life-long commitment to the Marine Corps that has formed the foundation of my purpose and identity since I first enlisted in 1974. With the recent favorable adjudication by the Department of the Navy regarding my security accesses and the cancellation of my suspension I am energized to return to work hard in support of all Marines in the capacities for which I was hired. Again, the moral support provided to me by so many of my fellow Marines throughout has been a sustaining gift for both me and my family.

Also, as a general comment, DoD civilian whistleblowers today have no due process legal rights for a hearing other than those stated in the existing Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA). While the DoD IG can investigate and make recommendations, it has been a Trojan horse that teams up with the agency to finish off whistleblowers naively seeking its help. However, one major change in the climate is noteworthy. The Office of Special Counsel (OSC) has been transformed under the inspiring leadership of Carolyn Lerner. Since her arrival in the summer of 2011 OSC has truly come to fulfill its intended mission as a Federal guardian of whistleblower rights. For example, OSC's determination to request a stay of - an indefinite salary cutoff that would have starved me out of the Marines - and the Merit Service Protection Board's (MSPB) willingness to support it, was the turning point in my case during the darkest hours this fall, when I thought it would be necessary to sell my home and give up. I don't think it was a coincidence that the Department of the Navy then issued a favorable security adjudication that now permits me to get back to work. Several others like me have received similar support from OSC recently, examples that spell hope for current and future Federal civilian whistleblowers. With strong committed leadership at the helm of OSC, the MSPB, and related organizations an effective line of defense against agency reprisals can be drawn in anticipation of enhanced WPA protections that will, and must be signed by the President this year.

First of all, how did you feel when you found out about the reinstatement?

It was at first hard to believe the news when I got the call from my attorneys at GAP. I was flabbergasted, but I am overjoyed that I can now return to my work of supporting the Marine Corps that has been, remains, and will always be my life. The news of a favorable security determination was completely unexpected, especially after all of the derogatory comments that my supervisors at all levels had officially made on the record over the years regarding my trustworthiness, reliability, and judgment. But then I reflected on the fact that the Department of the Navy made the security determination, not the Marines. I have always had and have great faith in the professionalism and objectivity of the Department of the Navy Central Adjudication Facility (DONCAF). DONCAF has stood above and outside of the Marine Corps' political fray concerning me, looking at all the facts dispassionately and fairly, both favorable and unfavorable. That favorable determination by DONCAF was a simple reaffirmation of the professionalism of that organization. As for the same-day job reinstatement by my supervisors, I respect them greatly for acting immediately to put me back to meaningful work. I intend to redouble my efforts

to serve them and the Marine Corps well again, as it was frustrating not to be able to do my job during the past year.

And secondly, where were you when you first heard the news?

I was on-line looking into the possibility of becoming a volunteer firefighter in my small community, in order to make more constructive use of my time in a way that served the community. GAP gave me a call at home.

How did you first realize Humvees provide Marines insufficient protection?

During the period of 2003 to 2004, I as a science and technology (S&T) advisor, had many interactions with the Office of the Secretary of Defense in accelerating capabilities to Joint forces in harm's way. Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) quickly rose to prominence as the number one priority of S&T resource commitment in DoD, as the ubiquitous Humvee, or High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV, a.k.a. Humvee) was hopelessly vulnerable to IEDs and there was nothing in the acquisition pipeline to replace it. Adding armor was the only solution and that proved tragically ineffective as well. IEDs used against Humvees were the single biggest threat to mission success in Iraq at that time.

How vulnerable were the Humvees during IED explosions and other attacks?

Humvees suffer from fundamental design limitations that make them particularly vulnerable to IEDs. These limitations include comparatively low mass, critical parts made of flammable aluminum, a flat and effectively concave bottom that contains and even focuses blast energy into the crew compartment, and a low ground clearance that intersects the blast front when the peak pressure and heat are still near maximum. The Marine Corps was well aware of this vulnerability as early as 1994 when experts reported that the Humvee is a "death trap" against IEDs. For whatever business case reasoning, the Marine Corps decided not to develop a replacement. The shocking aspect of this negligence to act on a known vulnerability in the early 1990s, and the particularly gross negligence of failing to act on a warfighter request in 2005, is the fact that Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles were commercially available. In fact MRAPs were known to be nearly impervious to conventional IED attacks. In fact, occupants are 10 times more likely to survive death or injury in attacks than similar IED attacks directed against Humvees, even up-armored Humvees. Modern versions of commercial models whose production lines opened in the 1970s, such as the "Casspir" were readily available in 2005, in fact the Marines in Iraq noted many commercial products by name. From a Marine logic standpoint the answer was a no-brainer: replace all armored Humvees with MRAPs since Marines continued to die, the mission was jeopardized, and ample funding was available to replace them with MRAPs immediately. However, the support establishment grossly negligent and did not process requests using Marine logic in 2005. More important was to protect funding already programmed to Humvees and other planned projects. I was well aware of the commercial availability of several MRAP variants and their unique survivability when I went to Iraq. "Cougars" and "Buffalos" had been purchased in small numbers for engineers, and I had advocated their use for two other forward-leaning capabilities earlier. All the requests from the field for MRAPs made perfect sense to me. Unfortunately,

the civilian bureaucrats in the support establishment had buried the request for 1,169 MRAPs in 2005 leading to a 19 month delay in mass fielding, and a horrendous number of unnecessary deaths and injuries in the vulnerable Humvee, even when the threat and the tangible consequences were known to the responsible bureaucrats.

Were you surprised to learn about the previous 2005 request for MRAPs?

I was deeply angered, but chose to focus all my animation and energy into solving the problem in the interests of providing the Marines better protection. This was a two-pronged approach, first to replace all Marine Corps Humvees in the Iraqi theater with MRAPs, and second making sure officials were held accountable for what I knew to be corrupted acquisition practices so that such a tragedy would not be permitted to happen in future conflicts.

How did you feel when you first were informed about the charge that you divulged classified info?

I found it curious that I would be accused of doing so. I had always been diligent about maintaining the security of classified information, and I was quite confident that whatever investigation was being conducted as a result of the charge against me would eventually find that I had not divulged classified information. As I predicted, at the conclusion of their investigation into Marine allegations that I had published classified information (their second of three investigations - see below), the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) determined that I had not divulged any classified information.

How else were you retaliated against at the workplace?

This is an incomplete list, in approximate order of occurrence. Many other instances of insults, public humiliations, workplace harassment, and minor derogatory correspondence not included:

2007:

- 1) first NCIS investigation was initiated (foreign contacts) - I was eventually cleared;
- 2) issued formal written counseling from supervisor and acting division director;
- 3) issuance of rewritten job description minimizing science and technology;
- 4) issued formal written reprimand from division director;
- 5) issued formal written proposal for 10 working day unpaid suspension;
- 6) bottom 30% perf eval rating for 2007, despite Senior Executive Service recommendation

2008:

- 7) second NCIS investigation was initiated (classified material) - I was eventually cleared;
- 8) third NCIS investigation initiated (my psychological stability) - I was eventually cleared;
- 9) bottom three (3) percent performance rating for 2008 - no bonus;

2009:

- 10) first denied request to obtain job related Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) education;
- 11) second denied request to obtain job related education at NPS;

- 12) denied request to serve as a USMC Congressional Fellow;
- 13) issuance of first performance improvement program (PIP);
- 14) issuance of second PIP on heels of my completion of the first;
- 15) bottom three (3) percent performance rating for 2009 - no bonus;

2010:

- 16) first denied request to obtain job related Singularity University (SU) education;
- 17) formal issuance of rewritten job description eliminating science and tech;
- 18) demotion to GS-14 from GS-15 accompanied new job description;
- 19) second denied request to obtain job related education at SU;
- 20) received verbal reprimand from Office of DoD IG for my public critique of dazzler audit;
- 21) formally suspended of all access to classified materials;
- 22) placement on administrative leave with no duties;
- 23) first DoD IG supports USMC, finding that NCIS classified investigation was not retaliation;
- 24) formal written proposal for indefinite unpaid suspension;

2011:

- 25) third denied request to obtain job related education at SU;
- 26) denial to attend job related education program at MIT offered to all employees;
- 27) denial to attend SU at my own cost using leave and plus advance leave;
- 28) second DoD IG supports USMC, finding suspension not retaliation;
- 29) formal written proposal for indefinite unpaid suspension;

That brings us basically to today.

Did you ever imagine that you'd become a whistleblower?

I never imagined becoming a whistleblower. To me and most of the Marines I know the mere word carries with it connotations of being a narc, a snitch, and even a traitor. Those concepts are anathema to Marines as they imply indiscipline, disloyalty, and a threat to unit cohesion. We Marines pride ourselves on the good order and discipline within our organizations as success in military conflict depends on it in. However, my observations in Iraq and futile interaction with the stateside acquisition bureaucracy at all levels led me to do the very thing I would never have envisioned doing beforehand.

What is the reputation of whistleblowers in the Corps?

To my knowledge the Marine Corps has no history of high profile whistleblowers. On any given day uniformed Marines assume that no problem is unsolvable within our own ranks; in other words inside the tight-knit, self-sufficient Marine Corps family. There is a mechanism for uniformed Marines to speak with superiors at much higher levels in confidence known as "requesting mast," but that is not available to civilians like me.

Do you support the Whistleblower Protection Act now making its way through Congress?

Yes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The House and Senate versions differ, but both are orders of magnitude better than status quo protections. Looking just at a few elements of the HR 3289 version, this small sample of improvements alone would have greatly helped my case over the years: 1) Closes judicially-created loopholes in the law's protection, while tightening language to preclude circumvention of the congressional free speech mandate; 2) Provides those covered by the WPA with district court access to challenge major disciplinary actions; 3) Outlaws security clearance harassment as a WPA violation, establishes minimum due process standards for agency clearance actions, and breaks out of the grievance model through appellate review of clearance actions by an inter-agency intelligence community forum required to have both merit system and national security expertise; 4) Modifies the burdens of proof to make it more realistic for the Office of Special Counsel to seek disciplinary accountability against those who retaliate; and 5) Creates a whistleblower ombudsman as a five-year experiment to advise employees of their rights in Offices of Inspectors General (OIG) for Title 5 employees. That is just a sample - there is much more.

Are whistleblowers still vulnerable to retaliation in the Marines and other military services?

Yes. My good fortune is a rare exception that proves the rule. It is noteworthy that very few past and even present whistleblowers in similar circumstances to my own have benefited from my support and good fortunes. The only reason that I have been able to remain employed over the past five years is due to my luck in receiving a timely combination of aggressive congressional support, free expert lawyers, a sustained media spotlight, and a broad-based solidarity support campaign. Yet even with all that exceptional support it took almost five years for me to arrive here, and my position is still far from secure. My professional survival was desperately hanging in the balance throughout that period. My returning to work remains an anomaly, and is not a sign of general improvement in whistleblower rights. Therefore, success stories should not be exceptions that prove a rule, but rather be the rule itself by means of enhanced whistleblower protection having teeth; legislation of the sort that will hopefully be signed into law by the President before the end of the year.

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Whistleblower News

As Manning heads to trial of WikiLeaks, new push for whistleblower protections – MSNBC

December 16, 2011

The Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act appeared to be headed for approval one year ago - until the release of hundreds of thousands of U.S. diplomatic cables to the WikiLeaks website, allegedly by Army Pvc. Bradley Manning, thrust it to the sidelines. Opponents of the bill seized on the incident to strip an important provision from the legislation, which ultimately died when Congress closed for Christmas without taking it up, advocates say. [\[Read more\]](#)

USERRA News

The Washington Post

Special counsel Carolyn Lerner quickly raises the profile of her office



Carolyn Lerner, left, the new head of the Office of Special Counsel, during a senior staff meeting in her office on Dec. 6. (Bill O'Leary/WASHINGTON POST)

By Lisa Rein, December 25, 2011

Carolyn Lerner had the Air Force's top four-star general hoxed in.

Gen. Norton Schwartz was reeling from revelations that the Dover Air Force Base mortuary had lost and sawed off body parts and mishandled other remains of America's war dead. In the glare of television cameras, the Air Force chief of staff was forced to issue mea culpas for the scandal in November.

Lerner, the newly installed federal lawyer whose tiny office uncovered the gruesome findings, was ready for a fight.

Lerner accused the Air Force of deflecting blame — and a mortuary official of lying and obstructing the probe by firing one of the workers who blew the whistle. When Schwartz declared that Lerner's Office of Special Counsel had prevented the military from notifying the families of the dead service members for more than a year, she dressed him down to the news media.

The claim was “patently false,” Lerner charged. It was Schwartz who resisted. The Air Force, her deputy said, showed “as much, if not more, reverence for its image as it has for the families of the fallen.”

Just six months on the job, President Obama’s fact-finder for federal wrongdoing had America’s military in her crosshairs.

Since she took over the obscure investigative unit that reviews disclosures of government wrongdoing — and advocates for employees who are punished for reporting it — the employment and civil rights lawyer, 46, has shown a willingness to shake things up.

In several high-profile cases, Lerner has gone to the mat and tried to expand the boundaries of the law’s protections for whistleblowers. She has lifted long-sagging morale at an agency that, instead of behaving as an independent watchdog, has treaded water for much of its existence.

Lerner’s staff is tackling neglected cases, in contrast to her predecessor, whose office had thrown many out, and claims have shot up since she arrived, Lerner says. She has challenged judgments by the panel that decides civil service disputes. And she has called for wholesale changes to the law prohibiting politicking by public employees so local and state workers can run for office, even if their jobs are tied to federal funding.

The bar is still high for Lerner’s office to pursue a case, but if the office thinks a case has merit, the federal agency in question must investigate within 60 days, a mandate that in the past routinely stretched to three times that long. Managers are being told they need to step it up.

In a WikiLeaks era, the special counsel is a throwback to painstaking truth-seeking, the nemesis of the indiscriminate document dump.

“There’s this new air in the room with Carolyn in that seat,” says Danielle Brian, executive director of the watchdog group Project on Government Oversight.

“We’ve had people in that job who were actually hostile to the mission of the agency. She’s embraced the mission.”

With an \$18 million budget and 100 lawyers, the unit is a small dot on the federal canvas. Lerner, who left a partnership in private practice, calls it the “best-kept secret in the federal government.”

“I feel like it’s a very important agency with unlimited potential,” she says, spelling out her pledge to spending-weary lawmakers on Capitol Hill: She’ll save the government money, uncovering taxpayer rip-offs, waste and cost overruns.

“We get a lot of bang for the buck.”

A voice for others

Lerner had never been a whistleblower or represented one before taking the five-year appointment, but she arrived with a reputation for fairness, and the Senate approved her nomination unanimously. Growing up in Detroit in the civil rights era — and with a grandfather who was jailed in Czarist Russia for criticizing the government — she learned that “I needed to stand up for those who couldn’t protect themselves,” she says.

Just don’t call her a flamethrower.

When her office revealed the findings at Dover, the media gantlet made her nervous. In 20 years in private practice, she had been on television once. She hates being the focus of attention.

Lerner, who lives in Chevy Chase and is on the board of a nonprofit group that advocates for workers with family responsibilities, is married to a lawyer and has two teenagers. She actively promotes telework and flex time for her staff — and dreams of a puppy she can bring to the office. (In her short spare time, she's a matchmaker, boasting that she has put two married couples together.)

She's also gracious and deferential, hesitating to opine on a subject unless she knows exactly what she's talking about ("Let me refresh myself on the facts on that").

Her supporters insist that her placid appearance masks a tenacious approach to her job.

"She's a pit bull," says Tom Devine, legal director of the Government Accountability Project, which defends whistleblowers. "Most effective advocates go out of their way to keep their personalities out of it."

Lerner prefers the mediation room to the courtroom.

"Virtually every case, if you can get people to sit down and talk, can be resolved," she says. Workplace disputes can be messy. Sometimes an employee who feels wronged just wants an apology, or the parties can agree on a change that would improve his morale — even if a court would not convict his employer.

"A lot of times, we would shake our head at the creativity," said Stephen Chertkof, one of Lerner's former law partners. "Through force of persuasion, she would resolve a huge percentage of cases."

Changing perceptions

Whistleblowers come in many sizes, shapes and mental states. They're either embraced as heroes or maligned as snitches, the tendency of many managers.

Every president since the special counsel's office was created under Jimmy Carter has told whistleblowers they have a friend in the White House. But it hasn't always worked out that way.

The agency has been largely irrelevant, whistleblower advocates say — languishing under Carter, gutted under Ronald Reagan and embroiled in scandal under George W. Bush, whose appointee, Scott Bloch, purged the staff of lawyers who disagreed with him and announced that he would not follow up on cases of discrimination based on sexual orientation. Bloch pleaded guilty last summer to scrubbing his computer while under investigation for retaliating against his staff.

But a probe he launched before resigning in 2007 is one that has dogged Lerner as she tries to move her office forward: an investigation of White House political operations headed by Bush chief strategist Karl Rove.

The investigation continued under a caretaker director, who 11 months ago issued a 118-page report describing frequent, politically motivated travel by seven Bush Cabinet secretaries and other top appointees in the 2006 election cycle. The officials claimed, wrongly, they were acting on official business, the report said.

It immediately riled Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), whose powerful House committee oversees operations. Issa has relentlessly investigated the investigation, questioning its accuracy and motivation. Lerner's staff has turned over 25,000 pages of e-mails, memos and other documents that took her staff thousands of hours to unearth.

Issa, in a statement, said he has "seen some early good efforts" under Lerner's leadership. But he expressed "substantial concern that the agency's good-government mission is being tainted by improper political agendas."

In response, said Lerner, "a lot of concerns were expressed about the agency under the previous special counsel. I have to live with that. I hope that over time the perception will change."

So far, even some targets of whistleblowers say grudgingly that Lerner's office is evenhanded. "When somebody's accused of whistleblower reprisal, my sense is they're being fair and reasonable with them," said Bill Bransford, general counsel for the Senior Executive Service Association, which represents the government managers who often are accused of retaliating against whistleblowers.

Soon after she started, Lerner reassigned staff members to review a backlog of cases against whistleblowers — veterans hospital staff members reporting poor lab procedures, air traffic controllers claiming light-pattern dangers — who were facing reprisals.

A Defense Department auditor demoted for blowing the whistle on her bosses about multibillion-dollar contracts being rubber-stamped to cut costs was exonerated. In November, the office got the panel that decides civil service law violations to reinstate the security clearance of a Marine Corps veteran punished for blaming top military officials for failing to speed the shipment of lifesaving vehicles to Iraq.

They were not as lucky with a scientist working for the Food and Drug Administration whose team found safety flaws with a mammography device to detect cancer and took them public.

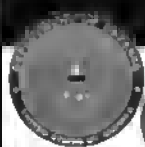
The man was fired after poor evaluations, but the law exempts public health workers from whistleblower protections — an exemption Lerner calls "ridiculous."

"If we don't have a safe and secure channel in place, they have to go outside the system and use a source like WikiLeaks," Lerner says.

As for the Dover scandal, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta was forced to retreat from his out-of-the-gate praise for the Air Force's "thorough" probe and what he called "appropriate" discipline. He ordered top brass to reconsider whether tougher punishment against mortuary officials is warranted.

Meanwhile, Lerner is fighting for the mortuary workers who blew the whistle and were demoted.

http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2011-12-25/politics/35287147_1_special-counsel-carolyn-lerner-federal-agency/2



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Dual Status Command for No-Notice Events: Integrating the Military Response to Domestic Disasters

(Homeland Security Affairs)

This article addresses the long impasse, and significant recent progress, with regard to the most critical military deficiency identified during Hurricane Katrina: the requirement to properly configure command and control arrangements for state and federal military forces responding to domestic disasters. Military command relationships for domestic operations need to be sorted out in advance of an event.

To date, vesting a military commander with both state and federal authorities (e.g. a dual status command) has proven successful during several large-scale planned events, such as national political conventions and the recent presidential inauguration. Governors and the secretary of defense are currently close to jointly endorsing the expanded use of dual status command beyond planned events, to now include no-notice events. This proposal has the potential to enable us to overcome the single greatest challenge currently facing our nation's military when responding to domestic disasters.

A proof-of-concept tabletop was held in Florida on November 5, 2010, involving over sixty representatives from numerous agencies.

Welcome to this week's edition of the DSCA Newsletter.

Welcome to this week's edition of the DSCA Newsletter. My name is Joe Miller, DSCA Instructor and Editor of the DSCA Newsletter. Please note the articles on "Dual



Status Command for No-Notice Events: Integrating the Military Response to Domestic Disasters," "FCC moves ahead on nationwide broadband system for first responders," and "Al-Qaeda Close to Acquiring 'Dirty Bomb,' Cables Say."

If you would like to comment on these and other DSCA stories, please submit your observations to the Homeland Defense and Civil Support Operations forum at <https://HD-CSOnet.army.mil>



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The Lessons Learned from this event stated "[T]here is consensus among the exercise participants (Florida Division of Emergency Management, Florida National Guard, National Guard Bureau, US Northern Command, Federal Emergency Management Agency-Region IV and the Region IV Defense Coordinating Element) that the Dual Status Commander concept will improve Unity of Effort."

DoD

Military's Role Unaffected by Terror Alert Change

(DVIDS)

A new federal warning system that abolishes color-coded terror alerts emphasizes a whole-of-government approach that military officials say won't change their efforts in defending the homeland. "The Department of Defense will continue to work closely with the Department of Homeland Security and our partner agencies to keep our nation safe from threats," U.S. Northern Command officials said in a statement released yesterday. "U.S. Northcom's continuing coordination and information sharing with these partners is key to our continued vigilance as we defend the homeland."

National Guard

National Guard responds to year's biggest storm

(National Guard Bureau)

In response to the blizzard conditions and strong winter storms across a third of the country, multiple states declared states of emergency, with about 1,100 National Guardmembers from 11 states either activated or on standby. Soldiers and Airmen of the Missouri National Guard conducted emergency missions, including door-to-door safety visits, critical infrastructure power generation, stranded motorist support, presence patrols and emergency route clearance to support first responders. They also established liaison officers at emergency operation centers in affected cities and counties.



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Emergency Preparedness and Planning

Disaster Communications

FCC moves ahead on nationwide broadband system for first responders

(Nextgov)

The Federal Communications Commission on Jan. 25 unanimously approved an order that would establish interoperability standards for a nationwide public safety communications network. The order, which the commission will publish in the Federal Register as a proposed rule, requires all public safety mobile broadband networks to use a common air interface, specifically Long-Term Evolution, to support roaming and interoperable communications. FCC is seeking public comments on the network's architectural vision, effectiveness of open standards and interconnectivity, robustness and resiliency, roaming and priority access between public safety broadband networks, and interference coordination and protection, among other issues. FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski said that up to this point, nationwide interoperability for first responders has remained elusive: "We now have a real opportunity to ensure nationwide interoperability."

CBRNE Hazards and Preparedness

Al-Qaeda Close to Acquiring "Dirty Bomb," Cables Say

(Global Security Newswire)

The terrorist organization al-Qaeda is coming close to possessing unconventional weapons as it pursues atomic matter and draws in sympathetic scientists to construct radiological "dirty bombs," the London Telegraph reported. According to leaked U.S. diplomatic cables provided by the transparency organization WikiLeaks, security lead-

ers at a 2009 NATO conference informed member countries that al-Qaeda operatives were devising a scheme to plant "dirty radioactive IEDS" -- improvised radioactive roadside explosive devices that would potentially target alliance forces in Afghanistan. Extremist organizations are also said to be nearing the capability to manufacture "workable and efficient" biological and chemical munitions that could cause thousands of deaths, according to records cited by the newspaper.

Nuclear and Radiological Hazards

IAEA Chief Warns of Terrorist Access to Nuclear Material

(Global Security Newswire)

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Yukiya Amano said his organization receives new information nearly every other day regarding smuggling of nuclear and radioactive materials, Asian News International reported. The IAEA head did not single out any geographical area as a locus point for nuclear trafficking but said extremists would seek to acquire atomic materials wherever security is the weakest.



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Biological Hazards and Preparedness

Bio-threat system being showcased

(United Press International)

The North Carolina Bio-Preparedness Collaborative is showcasing a bio-surveillance system for early outbreak threat detection. When complete, the NCB-Prepared system will integrate data from sources as disparate as the environment, animal and human clinical services and food production, processing and distribution to detect emerging health threats more quickly and effectively. NCB-Prepared will allow public health experts to differentiate between normal health patterns, environmental changes and natural or man-made bio-threats.

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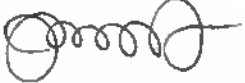
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M-11-08

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Jacob J. Lew 
Director

SUBJECT: Initial Assessments of Safeguarding and Counterintelligence Postures for
Classified National Security Information in Automated Systems

On November 28, 2010, departments and agencies that handle classified national security information were directed to establish assessment teams to review their implementation of safeguarding procedures. (Office of Management and Budget, Memorandum M-11-06, "WikiLeaks - Mishandling of Classified Information," November 28, 2010.) These assessments were intended to build upon the existing requirement in Executive Order 13526 ("Classified National Security Information") for departments and agencies to establish and maintain ongoing self-inspection programs, in furtherance of the Executive Branch's comprehensive and enduring effort to strengthen our safeguarding and counterintelligence postures to enhance the protection of classified national security information.

Please see the attached memorandum from the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) and the National Counterintelligence Executive within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). Their offices will – consistent with their respective responsibilities under Executive Order 13526 and Section 1102 of the National Security Act of 1947 (as amended), and in coordination with the Office of Management and Budget – evaluate and assist agencies to comply with the assessment requirement and provide assistance to agency assessment teams. Their support will include periodic on-site reviews of agency compliance where appropriate. The attached memorandum calls for agency teams to complete their internal assessments by January 28, 2011.

Thank you for your cooperation and compliance with the further directions attached to this memorandum.

Attachment



MEMORANDUM FOR: Senior Agency Officials Designated Under Section 5.4(d) of Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information"

FROM: Robert M. Bryant
National Counterintelligence Executive

William J. Bosanko
Director, Information Security Oversight Office

SUBJECT: Initial Assessments Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget Memorandum (M-11-06), "WikiLeaks – Mishandling of Classified Information," November 28, 2010

REFERENCES:

- A. Office of Management and Budget Memorandum, "Initial Assessments of Safeguarding and Counterintelligence Postures for Classified National Security Information in Automated Systems," This Date
- B. Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information" (December 29, 2009)
- C. Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002, as amended

Strong counterintelligence and safeguarding postures are necessary to protect classified national security information. You have been charged with directing and administering the implementation of Executive Order 13526 ("Classified National Security Information") by the head of your department or agency. As such, you also have a significant role regarding compliance by your department or agency with the subject of this memorandum.

On November 28, 2010, the Office of Management and Budget directed departments and agencies that handle classified national security information to establish assessment teams (consisting of counterintelligence, security, and information assurance experts) to review their implementation of safeguarding procedures. In furtherance of that directive, please find attached a list of existing requirements and questions your department or agency assessment team should utilize, as an initial step, to assess the current state of your information systems security.

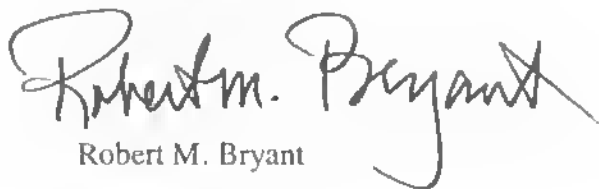
SUBJECT: Initial Assessments Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget Memorandum, "WikiLeaks – Mishandling of Classified Information," November 28, 2010

Each initial assessment should be completed by January 28, 2011, and should include the following with respect to the attached list of self-assessment questions:

1. Assess what your agency has done or plans to do to address any perceived vulnerabilities, weaknesses, or gaps on automated systems in the post-WikiLeaks environment.
2. Assess weakness or gaps with respect to the attached list of questions, and formulate plans to resolve the issues or to shift or acquire resources to address those weaknesses or gaps.
3. Assess your agency's plans for changes and upgrades to current classified networks, systems, applications, databases, websites, and online collaboration environments – as well as for all new classified networks, systems, applications, databases, websites or online collaboration environments that are in the planning, implementation, or testing phases – in terms of the completeness and projected effectiveness of all types of security controls called for by applicable law and guidance (including but limited to those issued by the National Security Staff, the Committee on National Security Systems, the National Institute for Standards and Technology).
4. Assess all security, counterintelligence, and information assurance policy and regulatory documents that have been established by and for your department or agency.

We look forward to working with you to implement this initial assessment and to ensure that your agency is best positioned to protect classified national security information. We will be in touch with agencies according to a prioritized, risk-based schedule in order to schedule a discussion of your initial assessments, as well as to arrange for subsequent onsite inspections, where appropriate.

We note that some agencies have also been asked to respond to an NCIX "Request for Information on Classified Networks and Systems" dated December 10, 2010, in support of National Security Staff tasking. We wish to distinguish that request from the requirements of this memorandum.



Robert M. Bryant



William J. Bosanko

Attachment:
As Stated

**Initial Agency Self-Assessment Program for
User Access to Classified Information in Automated Systems**

Each department or agency that handles classified information should assess the agency's and its employees' adherence to the policy issuances noted below, the requirements to safeguard classified information *with an emphasis on their application in automated systems*, and any process the agency has designed to detect purposeful misuse of information technology systems. If your agency does not have any of the required programs/processes listed, you should establish them.

The initial Self Assessment items contained in this document pertain to security, counterintelligence, and information assurance disciplines, *with emphasis on their application in automated systems*. They are categorized as follows.

- 1) Management & Oversight
- 2) Counterintelligence
- 3) Safeguarding
- 4) Deter, Detect, and Defend Against Employee Unauthorized Disclosures
- 5) Information Assurance Measures
- 6) Education & Training
- 7) Personnel Security
- 8) Physical/Technical

Policy References – The initial Self Assessment items are drawn from various policy documents listed here.

1. EO 12968, Access to Classified Information
2. EO 13526, Classified National Security Information
3. 32 CFR 2001, Implementing Directive for EO 13526
4. Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002
5. EO 12333, United States Intelligence Activities
6. Counterintelligence and Security Enhancements Act of 1994
7. Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002
8. National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD)-54/Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-23, Cybersecurity Policy
9. Presidential Decision Directive/NSC-75, U.S. Counterintelligence Effectiveness: Counterintelligence for the 21st Century
10. Presidential Decision Directive/NSC-24, U.S. Counterintelligence Effectiveness
11. EO 13231, Critical Infrastructure Protection in the Information Age
12. Committee on National Security Systems Policy # 26, National Policy on Reducing the Risk of Removable Media
13. Committee on National Security Systems Policy #22, Information Assurance Risk Management Policy

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14. Committee on National Security Systems Instruction #12S3, Security Categorization and Control Selection for National Security Systems, dated October 2009
15. Section 1102 of National Security Act of 1947
16. National Security Directive – 42, National Policy for the Security of National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems

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1. Management & Oversight:

- How does your agency ensure the self-inspection programs evaluate the adherence to the principles and requirements of the Executive Order 13526 (the Order) and 32 C.F.R. Part 2001 (the Directive) relative to safeguarding of classified information in automated systems?
 - Do required assessments cover the certification and accreditation of automated systems with respect to classified information?
 - Do required assessments cover safeguarding of classified information specific to automated systems?
 - Are corrective actions developed as indicated in the results/lessons-learned?
 - Are deficiencies tracked centrally to enable trend analysis?
 - Are security education and training programs updated to reflect common deficiencies and lessons learned?
 - Are agency policies reviewed regularly to address common deficiencies and lessons learned?
- Does your agency have sufficient measures in place to determine appropriate access for employees to classified information in *automated systems*:
 - *During initial* account activation/setup?
 - Periodically to determine if access is adequate to perform the assigned tasks or exceeds those necessary to perform assigned tasks, and adjust them accordingly?
 - When IT audit *activities indicate* that employees are exceeding or attempting to exceed their permissions?
 - When IT audit activities indicate that removable media has been introduced and/or data is being written to removable media? and
 - When IT audit activities indicate that indicate preset thresholds have been exceeded or when employees “push” data over one-way transfer devices or when “data-mining” is indicated?
- How does your agency ensure that the performance contract or other system used to rate civilian or military personnel performance includes the designation and management of classified information as a critical element or item to be evaluated in the rating of all personnel whose duties significantly involve the creation or handling of classified information?
- Do supervisors evaluate employee’s acceptance and adherence to the security rules for physical security, counterintelligence (CI), information assurance (IA), and overall information protection? Does this evaluation consider the issues specific to the use of automated systems?

2. Counterintelligence

- Does your agency have a counterintelligence program? If so:
 - Describe its mission and functions.
 - At what level is it funded annually?
 - Are the CI program personnel graduates of a counterintelligence training program for CI professionals at an Intelligence Community (IC)-based training entity? If not, when are they scheduled to attend?
 - Does the CI program interface with the information assurance element of your agency?
 - To what extent are anomalies that are discovered through your agency's information assurance processes brought to the attention of counterintelligence personnel? To what extent has this occurred over the past twelve months?
- Has your agency identified its high value information and processes that must be protected? What process is in place to update and reevaluate these?
- Describe what, if any, process your agency employs to regularly receive information to identify which of your agency's information or processes are of priority interest to adversary collectors?
- Does your agency have a process in place to evaluate its contracts, acquisitions, and procurements for foreign interest or involvement? If so, please describe the workings of that process.

3. Safeguarding

- How does your agency ensure access to classified information in automated systems is limited to those persons who: (a) have received a favorable determination of eligibility from the agency head or their designee, (b) have signed an approved non-disclosure agreement, and (c) have a need to know the information?
- How does your agency ensure that procedures are in place to prevent classified information in removable media and other media (back-up tapes, etc.) is not removed from official premises without proper authorization?
- How does your agency employ procedures to ensure that automated information systems, including networks and telecommunications systems, that collect, create, communicate, compute, disseminate, process, or store classified information: (a) prevent access by unauthorized persons; and (b) ensure the integrity of the information?
- How does your agency employ controls to ensure classified information in an automated systems environment is used, processed, stored, reproduced, transmitted, and destroyed (removable and other media such as obsolete drives or back-up tapes) under conditions that provide adequate protection and prevent access by unauthorized persons and which assure that access to classified information is provided only to

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authorized persons, and that the control measures are appropriate to the environment in which the access will occur and the nature and volume of the information?

- How does your agency ensure that persons who transmit removable and other media (back-up tapes, etc.) or who use automated systems to transmit classified information are held responsible for ensuring that intended recipients are authorized persons with the capability to store classified information?
- How does your agency ensure that classified information transmitted and received via automated systems or media is accomplished in a manner which precludes unauthorized access, provides for inspection for evidence of tampering and confirmation of contents, and ensures timely acknowledgment of the receipt by an authorized recipient?
- How are need-to-know determinations made in your agency reflected in your management of automated systems?
- Is classified information that is electronically accessed, processed, stored or transmitted via automated systems protected in accordance with applicable national policy issuances identified in the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) guidance and ICD 503, IC Information Technology Systems Security Risk management, Certification, and Accreditation?
- Do you employ alternative measures to protect against loss or unauthorized disclosure specific to automated systems?
- Does your agency allow the “modified handling and transmission” of foreign government information via automated systems? If so, how do you ensure sufficient safeguarding by using transmission methods approved for classified information, unless the method is waived by the originating government?
- How do you ensure that electronic and removable media are properly marked when they contain classified information? Do your risk management strategies consider the use of means to identify electronic media that contain classified information?
- How do you ensure that classified information is properly marked when used in the electronic environment?
- Do you control media access devices and ports on your IT systems to prevent data exfiltration?
- Have you instituted management measures to thwart deliberate bypass or circumventing the rules?
- Does your department or agency have a system to ensure that badges, clearances, and accesses are terminated when an employee no longer requires access?

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4. Deter, Detect, Defend Against Employee Unauthorized Disclosures:

- Do you have an insider threat program or the foundation for such a program?
- Are there efforts to fuse together disparate data sources such as personnel security and evaluation, polygraph, where applicable, IT auditing or user activities, and foreign contact/foreign travel information to provide analysts early warning indicators of insider threats?
- Is there a collaborative effort between CI, IA, security, Inspector General (IG), Office of General Counsel (OGC), and Human Resources (HR)? Are these established through formal agreements, processes and procedures, and/or policies?
- What if anything have you implemented to detect behavioral changes in cleared employees who do not have access to automated systems?
- Are you practicing "security sentinel" or "co-pilot" policing practices?
- What metrics do you use to measure "trustworthiness" without alienating employees?
- Do you use psychiatrist and sociologist to measure:
 - Relative happiness as a means to gauge trustworthiness?
 - Despondence and grumpiness as a means to gauge waning trustworthiness?

S. Information Assurance Measures:

Specific to national security systems (NSS) that process classified information:

- How do you employ CNSS Policies, Issuances, Instruction, and Advisory Memorandums to certify and accredit your systems?
- Do you perform Risk assessments and security categorizations in accordance with CNSS, NIST and FIPS standards?
- What steps has your agency taken to implement the latest version of the NIST SP-800 series guidance on Information Assurance, Risk Management, and Continuous Monitoring?
- Do you employ NSA and FIPS encryptions to protect classified data in motion and data at rest?
- Do you collaborate with IA security (ISSM and ISSO) for:
 - trends indicating misuse/abuse,
 - a list of Privileged Users (PU) who have administrative access to systems and networks, and
 - a list of PU and General Users who have media-access (read/write/removable media port) privileges?
- How does your agency examine NSS and evaluate their vulnerability to foreign interception and exploitation?
- How do you assess the overall security posture of systems and disseminate information on threats to and vulnerabilities?

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- Does your agency review, at least annually, existing risk management processes to ensure compliance with CNSS policy?
- What steps does your agency take to ensure risk assessments are conducted from an enterprise perspective, conducting top down assessments and analyzing the compilation of risks by individual information system owners?
- Does your agency require a formal enterprise-level Plan of Actions and Milestones (POA&M) containing (i) systemic information systems and organizational security weaknesses and deficiencies; (ii) risks relating to the identified weaknesses and deficiencies requiring further mitigation; (iii) specific actions to mitigate identified risks?
- What criteria has your agency established—and how are they enforced—for using removable media with your NSS? If your agency permits the use of removable media, what safeguards are employed and how are they promulgated and trained? How are you complying with CNSSP-26?
- If your agency permits the use of removable media:
 - How does your agency evaluate the effectiveness for implementing its policy on the use of removable media in national security systems?
 - Does your agency share lessons learned and best practices with respect to its use of removable media? What actions does your agency undertake to ensure that resources are available to implement its removable media policy; incorporating the content of removable media policy into user training and awareness programs; publishing and implementing incident response procedures.
 - How has it limited the use of removable media on NSS to those operational environments that require these media to achieve mission success and not simply for convenience?
 - What efforts has your agency undertaken to avoid the use of removable media by making maximum use of properly configured and secured network shares, web portals, or cross domain solutions to transfer data from one location to another?
 - What risk management policies has your agency crafted, promulgated, and implemented to reduce risks to NSS? How do you verify their implementation?
 - Does the agency restrict use to removable media that are USG-owned and that have been purchased or acquired from authorized and trusted sources?
 - Does the agency scan removable media for malicious software using a department or agency-approved method before introducing the media into any operational systems?
 - Does the agency prohibit automatic execution of any content by removable media unless specifically authorized by the Chief Info Security Officer? Are spot checks conducted or how is compliance verified?
 - Does the agency implement access controls (e.g., read/write protections) for removable media? How are those controls implemented?
 - Does the agency encrypt data on removable media using, as a minimum, the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2?

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- Does the agency prohibit use of removable media for data transfer from the destination network back to the source network or to any other network unless the media have been erased, reformatted, and rescanned? How do you verify this?
- Does your agency limit the use of removable media to authorized personnel with appropriate training? What training is conducted? When? How is the adequacy of training evaluated?
- Does your agency implement a program to track, account for, and safeguard all acquired removable media, as well as to track and audit all data transfers? How are discrepancies handled? What discrepancies have occurred within CY 2010?
- Does your agency conduct both scheduled and random inspections to ensure compliance with department/agency-promulgated guidance regarding the use of removable media? What is the frequency? What are the results?
- Does your agency sanitize, destroy, and/or dispose of removable media that have been used in National Security Systems (NSS) in accordance with a department or agency-approved method, when the media are no longer required? What double-check or verification procedures exist?

6. Education and Training:

- How does your agency ensure that every person who has access to classified information via automated systems has received contemporaneous training on the safeguarding of classified information?
- How does your agency implement security education and training program(s) that ensure employees who create, process, or handle classified information in automated systems have a satisfactory knowledge and understanding of safeguarding policies and procedures specific to automated systems?
- What initial, refresher, or specialized training is provided to your personnel specific to automated systems and appropriate to their duties and responsibilities?
- What are the methods of delivery your organization uses to provide education, training and awareness programs for CI, and IA to users of automated systems? (New hire orientation, semi-annual/annual courses, computer based training?)
- Is CI, security, information security, information systems security, social networking, incident and/or suspicious activity reporting all covered?
- How does your agency ensure that persons who have access to classified information understand their responsibility to report any actual or possible compromise or disclosure of classified information to an unauthorized person(s) to an official designated for this purpose?
- Are users of automated systems made aware of confirmed violations of the stated security policy and the ramifications of those actions, in order to demonstrate the organization's commitment to its security policies?

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- Does your training address “need to know” decisions specific to automated systems?
- Does your training include the penalties for providing false or incomplete information to security investigators during background checks or special security investigations?
- What organizations within your agency manage the security education and training programs for users of automated systems (CI, Security, IA)? Is the training separate, or combined into an integrated, comprehensive and structured CI, Security and IA program?
- Are CI, Security and IA training materials current, and consolidated into a single electronic site for ease of reference?
- Are Rules of Behavior/ Acceptable Use agreements signed by individuals (before they are given facility and network access) that acknowledge they understand the information that was presented to them during the training? Are the ramifications for violations of security policies and procedures discussed?
- In addition to General User Acceptable Use Agreements referenced above, are Privileged User Roles and Responsibilities Acknowledgment Agreements signed. (Privileged User: Network Administrators, Network Security Engineers, Database Administrators, Software Developers, etc.)
- Have you instituted an “insider threat” detection awareness education and training program, and if so, how has it affected employee performance or participation in security programs?
- How do you follow CNSSD-S00 & CNSSI 4000 series with regard to IA Education and awareness training for:
 - Infosec professionals
 - Senior System Managers
 - Systems administrators,
 - ISSO's
 - Systems Certifiers, and
 - Risk Analysts?
- How do you ensure personnel are informed of CNSS Advisory Memorandums regarding:
 - Insider Threats to USG Information Systems
 - Web Browser Security Vulnerabilities
 - Firewall & Guard protection methods?
 - The IA Approach to Incident Management?

7. Personnel Security:

- Have you established a comprehensive personnel security program? If so, please describe your investigative, adjudicative, and continuous evaluation processes. Do you train your adjudicators to look for insider threat indicators?
- Have you conducted a trend analysis of indicators and activities of the employee population which may indicate risky habits or cultural and societal differences other

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than those expected for candidates (to include current employees) for security clearances?

- Do you have a foreign travel/contacts reporting process or system that identifies unusually high occurrences of foreign travel, contacts, or foreign preference in the investigative subject pool?
 - Does your CI organization have access to the information?
 - Do you have mandatory pre-and post-travel briefings for government and contractors?
 - Does your agency have a program to control foreign visitors?
 - Do you require reporting of official and non-official travel/contacts?
 - Under what circumstances are employees not required to report foreign contacts?
 - If you don't have a foreign travel reporting process, do you plan to establish one? What is the timeframe?
 - Do you capture higher than usual occurrence of unauthorized disclosures or security violations?
 - Do you track circumstances whereby certain employee candidates have applied to multiple departments or agencies seeking employment with access to classified information?
 - Do you capture evidence of pre-employment and/or post-employment activities or participation in on-line media data mining sites like WikiLeaks or Open Leaks?
- Do you receive regularly updated threat and vulnerability reports that support:
 - Your risk management decisions,
 - Your training and education program, and
 - Your personnel and physical/technical security programs?
- Do you collaborate among the counterintelligence, personnel security and polygraph programs for indications of CI activities (both targeted at your agency and from within)?
 - Do you have access to:
 - ✓ Facility and IA certification and accreditation reports, and
 - ✓ Facility and IA Plans of Action and Milestones (POA&Ms) for resolving known/identified deficiencies?
- How and to what extent does your agency interface with the FBI of foreign intelligence concerns? Is your agency familiar with reporting requirements to the FBI under section 811 of the Counterintelligence and Security Act of 1994? Has your agency field an 811 report to the FBI in the previous twelve months?
 - Is your department or agency familiar with the Department of Justice CES requirements relative to media leaks?
 - Are you conducting liaison with internal and external investigative activities related to employee security or suitability issues?
 - ✓ Monitoring FBI investigations subsequent to 811 referrals, and
 - ✓ OPM for debarment/removal actions of employees subsequent to wrongful acts?
- Are all employees required to report their contacts with the media?

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8. Physical/Technical Security:

- Has your agency developed annual reports of the status and welfare of the secure facilities that support the protection of classified information and mission accomplishment?
- Has your agency conducted a trend analysis for activities and events affecting information protection at any particular site or a group of sites?
- Do you look for unscheduled maintenance or unusual failures of security hardware (which might indicate end-of-life deficiencies or insider manipulation)?
- Are Technical Surveillance Countermeasures employed in areas where sensitive information is discussed?

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Our mission is to provide independent, relevant, and timely oversight of the Department of Defense that: supports the warfighter; promotes accountability, integrity, and efficiency; advises the Secretary of Defense and Congress; and informs the public.

Vision

Our vision is to be a model oversight organization in the federal government by leading change, speaking truth, and promoting excellence; a diverse organization, working together as one professional team, recognized as leaders in our field.

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Inspector General
Jon T. Rymer

I am pleased to present the Department of Defense Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for the reporting period April 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013, issued in accordance with the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended.

This year has been unprecedented in recent memory in light of two profound events affecting the Department: sequestration and the government shutdown. Despite these challenges, we continued to protect our Warfighters, provide valuable information to Congress, and advise the Secretary of Defense about oversight matters. During this reporting period, our significant accomplishments included:

- Continuing focus on DoD's audit readiness efforts to include audits supporting the Schedule of Budgetary Activity/Statement of Budgetary Resources and implementation of the enterprise resource planning systems.
- An audit report found the Marine Corps risks spending \$22.2 billion to procure and support 44 additional CH-53K helicopters that may not be needed to support future requirements.
- The establishment of a Cyber Crime Field Office better focusing criminal investigative efforts on digital forensics and intrusion investigations impacting DoD.
- A review of whether Military Criminal Investigative Organizations investigate sexual assaults as required by guiding policies and procedures.
- An investigation found that the owner of Skylinks FZC in Dubai tried to buy restricted U.S. satellite equipment and transship it to Iran in violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, but was arrested, convicted, and sentenced.
- Southwest Asia Joint Planning Group issuance of the FY 2014 Comprehensive Oversight Plan for Southwest Asia and the updated Joint Strategic Oversight Plan for Afghanistan.
- Site assessments conducted at Army Warrior Transition Units and Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Battalions.
- Seven reports addressing joint warfighting and readiness in the intelligence enterprise, and issues in the security and nuclear enterprises.
- Implementing recent enhancements to whistleblower protection statutes.

Representatives of DoD IG also testified at two hearings: one about concerns regarding a contract with the prime food/nonfood vendor for our Nation's Warfighters in Afghanistan; and one about DoD direct assistance to Afghanistan and DoD IG's oversight efforts.

During this reporting period, we issued 83 reports and identified \$23.5 billion in potential monetary benefits. Defense Criminal Investigative Service investigations were the basis for 111 arrests, 175 criminal charges, 147 criminal convictions, 76 suspensions, and 102 debarments, as well as \$619.8 million returned to the government. The DoD Hotline fielded 15,108 contacts from the public and members of the DoD community. Administrative Investigations closed a total of 835 complaints involving whistleblower reprisal and senior official misconduct.

Thank you to our Department counterparts whose valuable information provides added insight to this publication: the Army Audit Agency, Naval Audit Service, Air Force Audit Agency, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and the Defense Contract Audit Agency.

As the new Department Inspector General, I want to pledge my accountability to DoD IG, the Department, Congress, and our Nation. I would also like to extend my thanks to our DoD IG employees, the entire defense oversight community, the Department, and Congress for their commitment in supporting this office.


Jon T. Rymer
Inspector General

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMARY OF AUDIT ACTIVITIES

Reports Issued	56
Monetary Benefits	
Recommendations Made with Questioned Costs	\$22.3 billion
Recommendations Made on Funds Put to Better Use	\$1.1 billion
Achieved Monetary Benefits	\$2.2 billion

SUMMARY OF DEFENSE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Total Returned to the U.S. Government ¹	\$619.8 million
Recovered Government Property	\$672,471
Civil Judgments/Settlements	\$556.1 million
Criminal Fines, Penalties and Restitution (does not include Forfeitures)	\$50.7 million
Administrative Recoveries ²	\$12.2 million
Investigative Activities	
Arrests	111
Criminal Charges	175
Criminal Convictions	147
Suspensions	76
Debarments	102
Asset Forfeiture Results	
Seized	\$19.1 million
Final Orders of Forfeiture	\$9 million
Monetary Judgments	\$40.3 million

SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Complaints Received	1,005
Complaints Closed	835
Senior Official	358
Whistleblower Reprisal	477

SUMMARY OF POLICY AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

Existing and Proposed Regulations Reviewed	220
Evaluation Reports Issued	10
Inspector General Subpoenas Issued	342
Contractor Disclosures Received	106

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE AND SPECIAL PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS ACTIVITIES

Reports Issued	7
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SUMMARY OF SPECIAL PLANS AND OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES

Assessment Reports Issued	10
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SUMMARY OF DEFENSE HOTLINE ACTIVITIES

Contacts	15,108
Cases Opened	1,341
Cases Closed	1,584

¹ Includes investigations conducted jointly with other law enforcement organizations.

² Includes contractual agreements and military non-judicial punishment.

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, states that each inspector general shall no later than April 30 and October 31 of each year prepare semiannual reports summarizing the activities of the office during the immediately preceding six-month periods ending March 31 and September 30. The IG Act specifies reporting requirements for semiannual reports. The requirements are listed below and indexed to the applicable pages.

REFERENCES	REQUIREMENTS	PAGE
Section 4(a)(2)	"review existing and proposed legislation and regulations...make recommendations..."	N/A
Section 5(a)(1)	"description of significant problems, abuses, and deficiencies..."	12-54
Section 5(a)(2)	"description of recommendations for corrective action...with respect to significant problems, abuses, and deficiencies..."	12-54
Section 5(a)(3)	"identification of each significant recommendation described in previous semiannual reports on which corrective action has not been completed..."	N/A
Section 5(a)(4)	"a summary of matters referred to prosecutive authorities and the prosecution and convictions which have resulted."	12-54
Section 5(a)(5)	"a summary of each report made to the {Secretary of Defense} under section 6(b)(2)..." instances where information requested was refused or not provided"	N/A
Section 5(a)(6)	"a listing, subdivided according to subject matter, of each audit report, inspection report, and evaluation report issued" showing dollar value of questioned costs and recommendations that funds be put to better use.	106-113
Section 5(a)(7)	"a summary of each particularly significant report..."	12-54
Section 5(a)(8)	"statistical tables showing the total number of audit reports, inspection reports, and evaluation reports and the total dollar value of questioned costs..."	115
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Section 5(a)(10)	"a summary of each audit report, inspection report, and evaluation report issued before the commencement of the reporting period for which no management decision has been made by the end of reporting period..."	115
Section 5(a)(11)	"a description and explanation of the reasons for any significant revised management decision..."	N/A
Section 5(a)(12)	"information concerning any significant management decision with which the Inspector General is in disagreement..."	N/A
Section 5(a)(13)	"information described under Section 05(b) of the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996..." (instances and reasons when an agency has not met target dates established in a remediation plan)	N/A
Section 5(a)(14)	"An Appendix containing the results of any peer review conducted by another Office of Inspector General during the reporting period..."	129
Section 5(a)(15)	"A list of any outstanding recommendations from any peer review conducted by another Office of Inspector General that have not been fully implemented, including a statement describing the status of the implementation and why implementation is not complete..."	N/A
Section 5(a)(16)	"Any peer reviews conducted by DoD IG of another IG Office during the reporting period, including a list of any outstanding recommendations made from any previous peer review...that remain outstanding or have not been fully implemented..."	129
Section 5(b)(2)	"statistical tables showing the total number of audit reports, inspection reports, and evaluation reports and the dollar value of disallowed costs..."	116
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Section 5(b)(4)	"a statement with respect to audit reports on which management decisions have been made but final action has not been taken, other than audit reports on which a management decision was made within the preceding year..."	125-128
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OVERVIEW



SERVING THE CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT

Department of Defense Inspector General is an independent, objective agency within the U.S. Department of Defense that was created by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. DoD IG is dedicated to serving the warfighter and the taxpayer by conducting audits, investigations, inspections and assessments that result in improvements to the Department. DoD IG provides guidance and recommendations to the Department of Defense and Congress.

MISSION

Our mission is to provide independent, relevant and timely oversight of the Department of Defense that:

- Supports the warfighter.
- Promotes accountability, integrity and efficiency.
- Advises the secretary of defense and Congress.
- Informs the public.

VISION

Our vision is to be a model oversight organization in the federal government by leading change, speaking truth and promoting excellence; a diverse organization, working together as one professional team, recognized as leaders in our field.

CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Efficiency
- Accountability
- Excellence

GOAL 1

Promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

GOAL 2

Identify, deter and investigate fraud, waste and abuse.

GOAL 3

Engage, enable and empower our people.

GOAL 4

Achieve excellence through unity.





AUDITING

The Office of the Deputy Inspector General for Auditing conducts audits within all facets of DoD operations. The work results in recommendations for reducing costs; eliminating fraud, waste and abuse of authority; improving performance; strengthening internal controls; and achieving compliance with laws, regulations and policy.

INVESTIGATIONS

The Office of the Deputy Inspector General for Investigations leads the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, which conducts highly relevant, objective, professional investigations of matters critical to DoD property, programs and operations that provide for our national security with emphasis on life, safety and readiness.

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

The Office of the Deputy Inspector General for Administrative Investigations investigates and oversees investigations of allegations regarding the misconduct of senior DoD officials, both civilian and military; restriction from communicating with an IG or member of Congress; whistleblower reprisal against service members, defense contractor employees and DoD civilian employees (appropriated and nonappropriated fund); and improper command referrals of service members for mental health evaluations.

INTELLIGENCE AND SPECIAL PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS

The Office of the Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence and Special Program Assessments provides oversight (audits, evaluations and inspections) across the full spectrum of programs, policies, procedures and functions of the intelligence, counterintelligence, nuclear and security enterprises and other special programs within DoD.

POLICY AND OVERSIGHT

The Office of the Deputy Inspector General for Policy and Oversight provides oversight and policy for audit and investigative activities, conducts engineering assessments of DoD programs, provides technical advice and support to DoD IG projects, and operates the DoD IG subpoena and contractor disclosure programs.

SPECIAL PLANS AND OPERATIONS

The Office of the Deputy Inspector General for Special Plans and Operations provides assessment oversight to facilitate informed decision making by senior civilian and military leaders of DoD and Congress to accomplish priority national security objectives.

OVERVIEW

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, states that the inspector general is responsible for conducting audits, investigations and inspections and for recommending policies and procedures to promote economical, efficient and effective use of agency resources and programs that prevent fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement. The Act also requires the inspector general to keep the Department and Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies in the Department's operations and the need for corrective action.

During this reporting period, DoD IG continued directing its resources toward those areas of greatest risk to the Department of Defense. We are dedicated to serving the warfighter and the taxpayer by conducting audits, investigations and inspections that result in improvements to the Department. DoD IG provides guidance and recommendations to the Department and information to Congress. We summarize below the work of each component as of Sept. 30, 2013.

Auditing issued 56 reports with 412 recommendations identifying potential cost savings and funds that could be put to better use, ensuring the safety of service members; addressing improvements in DoD operations, financial reporting and accountability; ensuring the Department complied with statutory mandates; and improve existing or identifying new efficiencies. Of those reports, 43 percent addressed acquisition processes and contracting issues; 21 percent addressed financial management issues; 11 percent addressed cyber security issues; 12.5 percent addressed joint warfighting and readiness issues; 5 percent addressed equipping and training Afghan National Security Forces; 3.5 percent addressed health care; and 4 percent addressed base and realignment and closure issues.

Investigations-Defense Criminal Investigative Service opened 310 cases, closed 277 cases and has 1,670 ongoing investigations. Cases resolved in this reporting period primarily addressed criminal allegations of procurement fraud, public corruption, product substitution, illegal transfer of technology and health care fraud.

Administrative Investigations received a total of 1,005 complaints for the second half of FY 2013 and closed a total of 835 complaints. Of the 835 complaints closed, 270 were full investigations. The investigations involved whistleblower reprisal, restriction of service members from contacting an IG or member of Congress, procedurally improper mental health referrals and senior official misconduct.

Intelligence and Special Program Assessments issued seven reports that addressed joint warfighting and readiness in the intelligence enterprise, and issues in the security and nuclear enterprises.

Policy and Oversight issued 10 evaluation reports primarily addressing its oversight of audit and investigative issues in DoD agencies and an evaluation of the F-35 Lightning II program by conducting a series of quality assurance assessments of the Joint Program Office, prime contractor and major subcontractors. Policy and Oversight also issued three Department-wide policies, coordinated 220 existing and proposed DoD directives and instructions, issued 342 IG subpoenas and received 106 contractor disclosures.

Special Plans and Operations issued 10 assessment reports with 118 recommendations that addressed a range of issues, including U.S. and coalition efforts to develop the command, control and coordination system within the Afghan National Army. U.S. and coalition efforts to improve health care conditions and develop sustainable Afghan National Security Forces' medical logistics at the Dawood National Military Hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, were also reviewed.

PRIORITIES

As a Department-wide priority, the secretary of defense identified the need to improve effectiveness and efficiencies in business operations to sustain mission-essential activities. In support of this focus, DoD IG uses its extensive oversight capabilities to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness throughout the Department. DoD IG performs audits, investigations and assessments to support the Department's goals to:

- Prevail in today's wars.
- Prevent and deter conflict.
- Prepare to defeat adversaries and succeed in a wide range of contingencies.
- Preserve and enhance the all-volunteer force.
- Reform the business and support functions of the defense enterprise.

We performed audits, inspections and assessments of key programs and operations. We also consulted on a variety of Department initiatives and issues. DoD IG is focusing work efforts on preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse and improving efficiency and effectiveness in critical areas for the Department such as:

- Acquisition processes and contract management.
- Financial management.
- Joint warfighting and readiness.
- Information assurance, security and privacy.
- Health and safety.
- Equipping and training Afghan National Security Forces.

Our investigations resulted in criminal, civil and administrative actions. We report on the following investigative priorities for crimes impacting the Department:

- Procurement fraud.
- Public corruption.
- Product substitution.
- Health care fraud.
- Technology protection.

CORE MISSION AREAS

We issued 83 reports identifying \$23.5 billion in potential monetary benefits. We achieved an additional \$2.2 billion in financial savings based on management completed corrective actions to reports issued this year and in previous reporting periods. In addition, DCIS investigations were the basis for 111 arrests, 175 criminal charges, 147 criminal convictions, 76 suspensions and 102 debarments, as well as \$619.8 million returned to the government.

AUDITS

- Air Force efforts to rapidly develop and field a persistent surveillance capability in response to joint urgent operational needs were unsuccessful. Air Force and Army Corps of Engineers personnel improperly managed the award of contracts for Blue Devil Block 2. The warfighter did not receive an urgently needed capability and Air Force personnel wasted about \$149 million on a system the contractor did not complete.

Report No. DDOIG-2013-128

- The Marine Corps overstated, in the DoD FY 2013 President's Budget, the number of CH-53K Heavy Lift Helicopters to procure. The Marine Corps increased the CH-53K procurement quantity by 44 helicopters without adequate justification or support. As a result, the Marine Corps may spend \$22.2 billion for additional aircraft that may not be needed to support future Marine Corps requirements.

Report No. DODIG-2013-084

INVESTIGATIONS

- A joint investigation with Air Force Office of Special Investigations determined that United Technology Corporation violated the Truth in Negotiations Act when they negotiated pricing and submitted claims to DoD for work performed on an Air Force contract. UTC was found liable for more than \$473 million in damages and penalties arising from a contract to provide

aircraft engines for the F-15 and F-16 aircraft between 1985 and 1990. UTC's proposed prices for the engine contract misrepresented how UTC calculated those prices, resulting in the government overpaying for the engines by hundreds of millions of dollars. UTC did not disclose historical discounts received from suppliers in the price proposal and knowingly used outdated information that excluded such discounts. Previously, UTC had been found guilty and ordered to pay the U.S. government \$7 million for violations of the False Claims Act. On June 17, 2013, UTC was further ordered by an appellate court to pay the government \$357 million in damages and penalties for violations of the False Claims Act and an additional \$109 million in damages for common law claims.

- A joint investigation with the FBI, Department of Homeland Security-Counter Proliferation Group, and the Department of Commerce disclosed that Seyed Amin Ghorashi Sarvestani, owner of Skylinks FZC, Dubai, attempted to purchase restricted U.S. satellite equipment and transship it to Iran in violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. Previously, Sarvestani was arrested in Virginia. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to acquire satellite technology and was convicted. On Aug. 14, 2013, Sarvestani was sentenced to 30 months of imprisonment and to pay a \$100,000 fine and \$54,000 in criminal forfeiture.

INSPECTIONS

- DoD IG found, nearly a year after contingency operations ended, that Department of State-directed personnel reductions at U.S. Embassy-Iraq required accelerating transfer of control of DoD-managed equipment fielding site facilities to the Iraqi government. The accelerated transfer will complete the transition of responsibilities for providing logistical and specialized DoD support from DoD to DOS, and integrate the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq into the U.S. mission. DoD IG summarized how authorities, funding, organizational structures and lines of

communication changed when contingency operations ended and the post-contingency operating environment began in Iraq in late 2011. DoD IG projected how these factors may evolve and stressed key conditions that existed when the DoD IG team visited Iraq in late 2012.

Report No. DODIG-2013-136

- The mission of the Afghan Border Police encompasses paramilitary and counterinsurgency functions in the border security zone and security functions at ports of entry. The Afghan Border Police are located in six zones and the capital region. The regional commands in the east, south and southwest accounted for 92 percent of all enemy-initiated attacks. Given the volatility and enemy activity in these commands, DoD IG found that Afghan Border Police authorizations in equipment, weapons and personnel resources did not align with requirements. As a result, the zones were either over- or under-resourced. Over-resourced zones created the risk for waste or abuse, while under-resourced zones could not meet operational needs.

Report No. DODIG-2013-081

POLICY AND OVERSIGHT

- DoD IG determined whether the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations completed sexual assault investigations as required by DoD and found that 89 percent of the cases reviewed met investigative standards. Of the cases, 11 percent had significant deficiencies and were returned to the MCIOs for corrective action.

Report No. DODIG-2013-091

- DoD IG determined that the F-35 Joint Program Office oversight of Lockheed Martin was deficient in several areas, including failing to require subcontractors to meet technical and quality requirements. DoD IG also found that Defense Contract Management Agency oversight of the contractors was ineffective, which if left uncorrected, will continue to result in nonconforming hardware, less reliable aircraft and increased cost.

Report No. DODIG-2013-140

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

- AI substantiated that a Naval flag officer relieved an Air Force officer under his command, reassigned the officer to a position not commensurate with his rank and forced the officer to depart his joint tour early in reprisal for allegedly filing a complaint against the flag officer. DoD IG recommended the service secretaries take appropriate remedial and corrective actions.
- AI also substantiated that a defense agency SES misused her position, improperly held a financial interest in a private company owned by a family member and used proprietary information in communications with senior DoD officials. The senior official left government service prior to completion of the investigation.

ENABLING MISSION AREAS

DoD HOTLINE

The DoD Hotline received 16,615 contacts from the public and members of the DoD community during this reporting period. Of those contacts, 7,014 (43 percent) were telephone calls. Based on these contacts, the hotline opened 1,499 cases and closed 1,050 cases.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY & BRIEFINGS

Section 4(a) of the Inspector General Act requires the Inspector General “to review existing and proposed legislation and regulations relating to the programs and operations of [the Department of Defense]” and to make recommendations “concerning the impact of such legislation or regulations on the economy and efficiency in the administration of programs and operations administered or financed by [the Department] or the prevention and detection of fraud and abuse in such programs and operations.” DoD IG provides information to Congress by participating in congressional hearings and briefings.

Hearings

Representatives of DoD IG testified at two hearings during the period. Daniel Blair, the Deputy Inspector General for Auditing testified April 10, 2013, before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The subject of the hearing was “Contracting to Feed U.S. Troops in Afghanistan: How did the Defense Department End Up in a Multi-Billion Dollar Billing Dispute?” The hearing focused on concerns uncovered during an initial audit of a contract with the prime vendor for food and nonfood products for our warfighters in Afghanistan; actions taken to address the report recommendations; and opportunities to improve contract administration through lessons learned that could be applied to future contracts.

On April 10, 2013, Ambassador Kenneth Moorefield, the deputy inspector general for special plans and operations, testified before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The subject of the hearing was "U.S. Foreign Assistance: What Oversight Mechanisms are in Place to Ensure Accountability?" The testimony focused on DoD Direct Assistance to Afghanistan and DoD IG oversight efforts in that area.

Meetings with Congressional Members and Staff

During the reporting period, representatives of the Office of the Inspector General had 60 meetings with members of Congress and/or their staffs. Topics of discussion during those meetings include issues such as: a series of audit reports concerning spare parts pricing and inventory issues, an audit of the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program, an assessment of the testing protocols for the Advanced Combat Helmet and an audit of the Navy Commercial Access Control System.

Congressional Requests

The Office of Communications and Congressional Liaison supports the DoD IG by serving as the contact for communications to and from Congress, and by serving as the DoD IG public affairs office. From April 1, 2013, through Sept. 30, 2013, Office of Communications and Congressional Liaison received 152 new congressional inquiries and closed 162, including a report required by the Reducing Over-Classification Act, an accountability review of the intelligence community, reviews of reprisal allegations and a review of the release of DoD information to the media.

New inquiries and pending legislation involved issues such a review of allegations involving Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, an audit of permanent change of station funding and an assessment of the planned testing of the ground-based interceptors program. Office of Communications and Congressional Liaison proactively reaches out to congressional staffers to ensure they are informed about upcoming IG releases and ongoing reviews.